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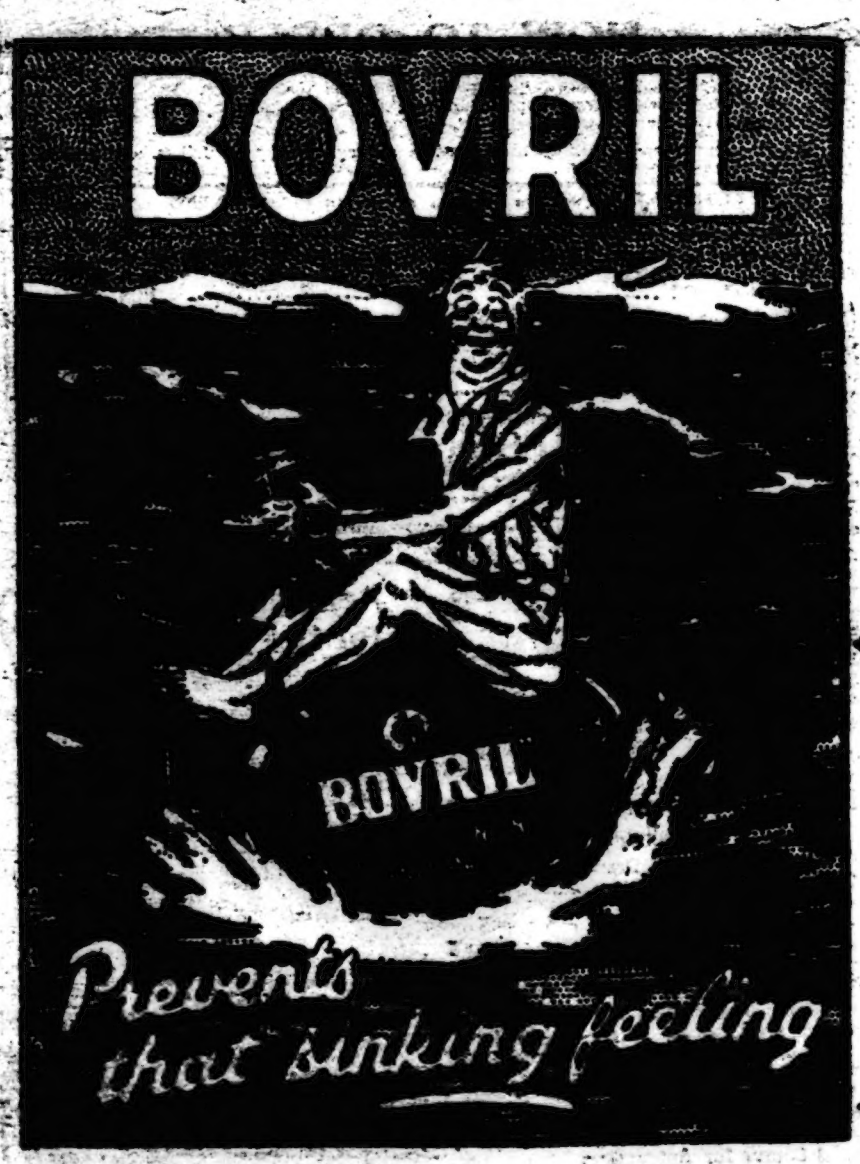

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

Our Contents' Bill.

Our contents' bill this week: "An * It!" can present no real puzzle to our enlightened readers. Should the electors of Dover do their duty on the 12th January, Major Astor will, we feel sure, be the first to admit that he was an ass to risk it."

New Year's Day and Pensions.

In view of the fact that in Scotland and elsewhere New Year's Day is always regarded as a public holiday, could not arrangements have been made for the payment of Pensions on Friday instead of Saturday?

France and Lloyd George.

We suggest that the Prime Minister should spend a week of his vacation in Paris, where his jovial personality might remove the hostile attitude of the French Press.

One for Mr. Shortt.

Where the flies go in the winter has long been a classic problem; but one of our readers asks "Where do the foreigners go in the winter?" adding that "We never read of their being picked up by the police, ill and destitute." What says the Home Secretary?

Ministerial Changes.

We anticipate an interesting re-shuffling of the cards before the reassembling of Parliament—and in that connection are sorry to learn that the health of Mr. Walter Long is not improving. His resignation would be a big blow to the Government.

A Census Suggestion.

In reference to the Census to be taken this year, a good suggestion reaches us—that an addition to the usual question: "Are you divorced?" should be the words "or separated." That is the only way to test the need for a reform of the marriage law.

The Dover Election.

As soon as Christmas was over, "Full steam ahead!" was the motto of Sir Thomas Polson at Dover—and they are betting two to one on his return. Personally, we never lay odds—taking them being more in our line—but we are sorely tempted to break our rule.

Ministerial Imagination.

Could anything better illustrate the poverty of Ministerial imagination than Mr. Lloyd George's suggestion that the solution of our own unemployed problem is to send the workless to join their brethren in similar distress in our various Colonies? And England was to have been made fit for heroes to live in!

These Police Pensions.

When are the increased police pensions, to those who retired before 1919, to be paid? We may yet require these old servants of the public.

These "Church Workers."

Yet another "earnest Church worker" has gone to gaol for indecent brutality towards a little child. It is remarkable what a large number of scoundrels shelter themselves behind the cloak of religion.

Railway Parsimony.

Is it true that the dining-room stewards on the G.W.R.—London to Birkenhead—receive two shillings per night for lodging money when away from home, and half-a-crown when obliged to be away from Saturday to Monday?

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Lenin and Ourselves.

Apropos of a paragraph in one of our recent articles, to the effect that "men seeking sordid material ends should not be allowed to hold up the world's progress," the *Daily Herald* remarks: "Just what Lenin would say." We must be more careful in future.

M.P.s' Salaries.

We are all against the increase in the salaries of Members of Parliament, but we suggest that country Members should be entitled to be reimbursed the reasonable expenses to which they are put for the purpose of attending to their duties. This is the practical Business solution.

An Alliterative Judge.

We wonder how much midnight oil Mr. Justice Avory expended on this alliterative little masterpiece in his summing-up in the Eastbourne murder case: "I regret that such a warning should be rendered necessary by the pernicious practice which prevails of pandering to the prurient proclivities of the public by publishing pictorially and otherwise lurid details of the ghastly tragedy." In future, counsel appearing before this Judge will certainly have to "mind their P.s and Q.s."

Lord Reading and India.

We hope Lord Reading will stick to his job on the Bench—where he is, *par excellence*, the right man in the right place. India might easily prove the grave of his great reputation.

The Hereford Election.

We congratulate the Coalition Whips on their astuteness in clashing this by-election with that of Dover. The dodge is worthy of that withdrawal of Mr. Wardle from Stockport. By the way, how is his health these days?

Small Banks.

We quite agree that legislative restriction should be placed upon the right to the use of the name Bank, and that no concern should be entitled to adopt it except under the most stringent safeguards.

"JOHN BULL'S Boxing Boys."

The next appearance of our "boys" will be at a series of boxing entertainments at the London Canterbury Music Hall—which, we are happy to announce, will be under the direction of Major Arnold Wilson. "Smiler" Hales sends the most encouraging reports from the Herne Bay Camp.

Lady Astor as Ambassador.

There is a rumour in the American Press that Lady Astor is to be exchanged with a Mrs. Catt as respective women ambassadors to the U.S.A. and Britain. We hope it is not true. So far as Mrs. Catt is concerned, we object to Pussyfoot—whilst, strange as it may sound, we don't want Lady Astor to leave the House of Commons.

The "Save the Children" Fund.

We are glad to hear that the sum of £750,000 which was granted for contributions to Relief Societies in connection with the pound-for-pound scheme has now been exhausted, and that they who are so keen about the Austrian and German children will now have the privilege of themselves finding all the money.

A Merited Honour.

Naturally, we are pleased to see that Mr. Harold Smith has been given a knighthood; but why should it be baldly stated that the reason for the conferment of this honour is that he is the "brother of the Lord Chancellor"? From our acquaintance with him, we are satisfied that he deserved the title on his own merits, and in respect of the very important public duties he has discharged during the War. Then why not say so? The suspicion of nepotism in these matters may be damning to the reputation of a public man.

Lacking in Patriotism.

Of the thirteen members of the Parish Council of Holt, in Norfolk, eleven are males, not one of whom served in the war. If they had, they would scarcely have given the work of filling in the trenches, dug by the military on Lowes Common, to a civilian contractor, who also never served, while in the village alone there were 17 ex-Service men registered as unemployed. The stay-at-home tradesmen, however, who compose the Parish Council obviously think that their poorer brothers are only fit to fight and not to work for them.

The "Human Touch."

Once again the Pensions Ministry has revealed its severity in renewing the suspension of the East Ham War Pensions Committee for making grants to wounded and disabled ex-soldiers in excess of the stipulated amounts—apparently a very terrible offence in the eyes of those who sit in authority. The reply of the suspended Committee is that they tried to introduce a "human touch" into the harshness of their standard regulations, but they were evidently not aware that War Pensions Committees should be composed of men with hearts of stone!

"Save the (Austrian) Children!"

It has been a pathetic sight to see the editor of the *Wimbledon Boro' News* shedding tears of gratitude while a local lady named John offered up a prayer of thanksgiving for that his readers had helped to find homes in the borough for 140 Austrian children. But for this beautiful hospitality, it seems, the "terrible necessity of sending back the children to their famine-stricken homes" could not have been obviated. In Wimbledon the children will be fatted and feted while the wives and families of our own workless ex-soldiers want enough of the bread of life.

The Post Office and a Strike.

We believe the general public need have little fear that the strike-policy advocated by certain "Red" leaders of the Postal Union will be given effect to. It is true that 47,000 voted in favour of the "Strike Policy," but 36,000 were against, and 25,000 abstained from voting, and may reasonably be reckoned unsympathetic towards direct action. Moreover, thousands of telegraph messengers and girl learners of 14 and 15 years of age were allowed to vote, and, as in the recent case of the irresponsible pit-boys, plumped for a strike "for fun." The whole discreditable affair was, in reality, engineered by the Bolshevik Executive Committee.

"Beaten by a Short Head."

It is to be hoped that this country will never become one battened on by pensioned Civil Servants. But there is a measure of justice due to all who have served the State over a lengthy period of time, and whose work has been commended. That is why we hate to hear of a retired Civil Servant, whether a policeman or not, with many years' work to his credit, being paid a materially smaller pension than is granted to a colleague, probably with shorter service, but who happened to retire a few months later, when improved pensions came into force. Appeals for equal treatment are met with the retort that the country cannot afford it. It is a bad day when the country cannot afford to do common justice to its old, retired employees.

A Gravesend Grouse.

We consider that the Gravesend Divisional Trades Council and Labour Party have reason for their complaint to the local Town Council, that the wages paid to Corporation employees are inadequate. Road sweepers receive only 10½d. and 11d. per hour; general and paviors' labourers, 1s.; sewermen, 1s.; dustmen, 10½d.; and lamplighters, 17s. 6d. for a week of seven days. At present prices such rates of pay are scandalously insufficient.

Take up thy Pen.

Applying to the Willesden Magistrates for a Separation Order against her husband for assault, a young wife stated that he had demanded her signature to an agreement that she was "not to enter her neighbour's house; not to speak to anyone in the street, and not to see her mother before the latter is dead," his excuse being that he wished to bring a greater measure of obedience into his household! Perhaps the gentleman would like to give a hand in revising the marriage service.

Time Stealers.

A licence-holder of Berkshire puts before us a position most unjust. He has recently been compelled to pay for his licence at the pre-war rate, when publicans were open for trade all day long. They are permitted now to open only for 6½ hours daily. To add to the iniquity, when he and other innkeepers applied to the local Bench for an extension of time on a special occasion, it was granted on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d. It is like stealing half a day every day for years, and giving him back a morsel of his own on paying for it.

PLAIN SPEAKING

generally "hits and hurts" someone pretty hard, but the "hits" in the "PASSING SHOW" are full of good-humour and provide a wealth of fun for its readers Make sure of your weekly laugh by giving your News-agent an order to deliver the "Passing Show" regularly.

Held Up.

Rather childishly, an Oakamoor motorist complains that "several times lately he has been kept waiting at a level crossing for more than five minutes while a slow and heavily-laden goods train has crept by." A slow and heavily-laden goods train often contains many thousands of pounds' worth of merchandise, the prompt delivery of which is of far more consequence than a car-owner and his car combined.

Overcrowded.

A correspondent who watched the Boxing Day match between Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle, at which some 52,000 people were present, complains strongly of the overcrowded state of the Spurs' ground, which prevented thousands who had paid for admission from seeing the game. His contention seems to be borne out by the fact that, even after making full allowance for the holiday occasion, the attendance was abnormally large—30,000 is an extremely good "gate" for this ground. The Spurs' directors should either provide additional accommodation, or refuse admission to the ground to people who will have no earthly chance of seeing what they have paid to witness.

More Post Office Meanness.

Employed for nearly 15 years as a "temporary" postman, working in all weathers, and in circumstances of great danger during air raids, an old man of 71 has been dismissed without pension or gratuity. In his letter of *congé*, the local Postmaster takes the opportunity to thank him for the loyal help he had given to the Post Office during a time of extraordinary difficulty. We suggest to the Postmaster-General that loyalty between employer and employed should be mutual.

One Man's Notion.

A reader who chooses the modest pen-name of "Nanky Poo," sends us his cure for unemployment. He wants the Government to launch an Army of Reconstruction, enrol the unemployed men, give pay and separation allowances, etc., in the same way as in the war, and then get on with jobs of national importance, such as road construction, cleansing and widening canals, laying out aerodromes, and rebuilding and improving barracks. "Nanky Poo" inquires, "What do you think of the idea—Rot?" We prefer to be more polite, and to reply, "Impracticable."

Lodgers and Dogs.

From a meeting of the Tilbury District Council some disconcerting points emerge. In that ancient township persons called tenants are bound to apply to the Council for permission to take a lodger or keep a dog. One father wanted to know why another tenant was authorised to take his—the inquirer's—daughter as a lodger. Another father humbly begged a permit to house his own daughter. Several tenants prayed to be allowed to keep a dog. Permission was granted on condition that the dog did not bark. What would happen if a father gave shelter to his own child without first kneeling to the fogies of the Council?

Too Lenient!

William Bulpitt was employed as a mail driver by Mr. John Munday, for nineteen years, at a salary of 30s. a week, which, as he worked sixteen-and-a-half hours a day, including Sundays, was 3d. per hour. Yielding to a sudden temptation, Bulpitt tampered with some letters and was haled before the local Petty Sessions. The Chairman, Mr. H. S. Whalley-Tooker, said that Bulpitt had a very lenient and kind prosecutor not to charge him with a felony, and Bulpitt was merely bound over. What is wanted, however, is a short measure which would enable Magistrates to bind over employers, such as Mr. Munday, not to pay a sweating wage which exposed their employees to temptation.

Dry!

A New York reader sums up the situation of Dry America in succinct style:—"Prohibition is a complete failure. It was originally introduced as a temporary war measure. The outcry against this interference with the liberty of the people is so great that tremendous influence is at work in the hope that the new Congress in March will amend the law and allow beer and wine. There is more whisky sold in America to-day than ever there was before. One Prohibition officer admitted that it is impossible to make the country dry. A mixture called Wood Alcohol has rendered hundreds permanently blind and a large number of people have died from its effects." There is a great deal in that nutshell.

Local Limerick.

(*At a farm near Stanstead, Essex, a farmer declares a ghost, in shirt and trousers, walked round his bedroom in the night and came down for breakfast in the morning. Then, without a word, it disappeared in the fog.*)

There was a peculiar ghost
That loved mundane tea and hot toast;
It haunted a farm,
Without doing harm,
But forgot to say thanks to its host.

Crime and Punishment.

The Liverpool Bench is among the many which make no attempt to fit the punishment to the crime. Convicted a few days ago of the theft of a knife, valued at a shilling, from an eating-house, a middle-aged man was sent to prison for fourteen days. If he had been an habitual offender the sentence might perhaps be justified, but it was stated that the police had nothing whatever against him. And all over the country Magistrates inflict paltry fines for the vilest offences against women and children!

"Gas Inflation."

The preposterous sums demanded by the North Middlesex Gas Company and the Hendon Electric Light Co. for connecting up new houses with their mains are left in the shade by the amount asked for by the South Metropolitan Gas Co. for similar service. A Peckham plumber, who knows a thing or two about the cost of such jobs, recently required gas laid on to his small lock-up premises. Only 40 ft. of the smallest gauge gas-pipe would have been required, and a very little simple labour. Yet the South Metropolitan Gas Co. had the audacity to demand £9 4s. 6d. in advance. That Peckham plumber still burns paraffin.

Slandering Service Men.

While the boys were at the front, the Rector of the Forfar Academy was comfortably at home enjoying their protection. So, too, were his lady teachers. This, however, did not prevent the Rector asking that the Forfar School holidays should be changed, because one of his lady teachers said she did not like travelling on Hogmanay, as she would have the company of intoxicated soldiers and sailors! One wonders how any woman can offer such a foul and baseless insult to the men who fought. There are presumably ex-Service men with children at the School, and we suggest they should be removed until such time as the woman has herself gone. The Rector should also accompany her.

Recruits for the R.I.C.

In our recent Open Letter to the Chief Recruiting Officer of the Royal Irish Constabulary, at Scotland Yard, it was, of course, not our intention to suggest that this officer was lacking in sympathy for the claims of ex-Service men As a matter of fact, the complaint upon which our observations were based seems to have been founded upon some misconception, inasmuch as we now learn that the man who so much desired to get into the ranks of the R.I.C. was over age, and therefore ineligible. While a little surprised that he should have concealed this fact from us, we recognise that our failure to disclose the circumstance may have been somewhat hurtful to the feelings of the Chief Recruiting Officer, who, as we have reason to know, has always been a good friend of the ex-"Tommy."

Common-sense.

A nasty knock at Pussyfoot has just been dealt by the Chicago police, who have announced that they are much too occupied chasing "real criminals" to arrest every merry-maker who, in defiance of the law, happens to be carrying a whisky-flask in his pocket. It has been a commonplace both in the United States and in Canada during recent months that so much time and energy are wasted by the police in trying to track down offenders against "dry" legislation, that crimes of violence—robbery, murder, and "hold-ups"—are daily on the increase. Perhaps the action of the Chicago police means a return to common-sense.

Old and New.

It is impossible to fathom the idea of the Post Office authorities in advertising for raw girls as counter clerks and telegraphists while at the same time they are dismissing wholesale the "temporaries" who worked through the war. These girls and women have become efficient in the school of actual experience, and what does it matter if they are not able to pass some purely theoretical and educational test? The public simply wants its work done efficiently.

Fee Filchers.

In addition to the so-called "shipping agents" already exposed by us, it appears there is a man at Southport carrying on similar pretences to "advise" would-be stewards and stewardesses how to secure a berth. It cannot be too widely known that all the shipping companies have their own lists of experienced servants; their books are overcrowded, and in Liverpool alone there are about 1,700 stewards, etc., waiting for a ship. No outsider stands any chance, and people who filch fees from the unwary are playing a rotten, low-down game.

Tyranny of Unions.

While the country is crying aloud for bricklayers to build the houses that are so urgently required, the little tin gods of some of the branches of the Operative Bricklayers' Society are exercising tyranny. William Edward Cockle is one of those self-constituted autocrats, occupying the exalted position of Chairman of the Deptford Branch of the O.B.S., and we cannot express regret that he met with some rough handling from Henry Littlefield, a practical bricklayer, to whom he refused admission to the Branch. Our only regret is that Littlefield was even "bound over" for the assault, which, however, was probably the lightest punishment the sympathetic Greenwich Magistrate could impose.

More of the "Monstrous Regiment."

If there is any Government Department which needs a reminder of the claims of ex-Service men for employment, it is (ironically enough) the Ministry of Labour. In its Intelligence and Statistics branch about one-fourth of the clerical employees are women, a similar proportion being ex-Service men. The bulk of these women were recently given notice, in fulfilment of Dr. Macnamara's declared intention to make more room for men who had served. But the Temporary Staff Association (comprised mainly of women and non-Service men) got to work and succeeded by some means or other in getting the notices withdrawn. So the women still carry on, while poor demobbed Tommy waits for a job.

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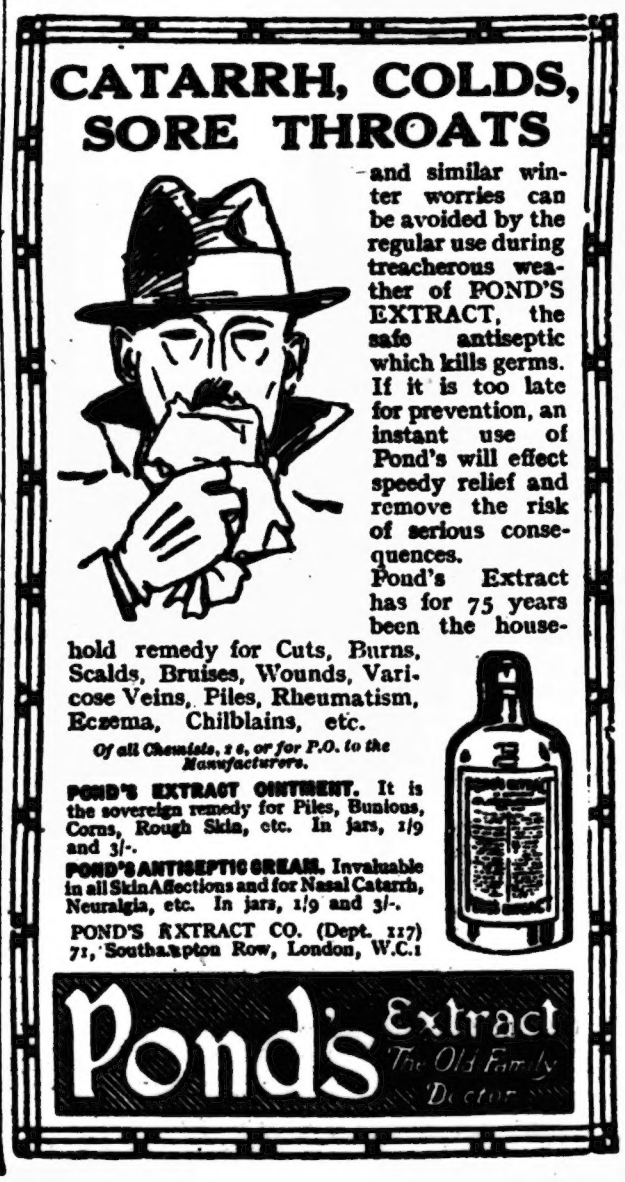
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SEX AND SUICIDE.

OPEN WARFARE AGAINST THE SECRET SCOURGE—THE ETERNAL TRAGEDY.

By W. CHARLES PILLEY (*Assistant Editor*).

IT is with no relish for the task that I approach a subject which, while taboo in many circles, is yet one of vital importance to a nation slowly recovering from the festering wounds of war. I do not propose to mince my words. Every man and woman knows what is meant by the problem of Venereal Disease. For weeks past it has been borne in upon me, with a sense of solemn responsibility, that this was a matter which all the most important journals were shirking and which, unless someone was prepared to shoulder the unpleasant duty, might too easily be relegated to the category of those things which "ought never to be mentioned" and yet were existing and continuing to spread their baneful influence among the precious young life of our dearly ransomed nation.

The Eternal Tragedy.

Purposely I touch the subject lightly. Nothing could persuade me to go into the horrible details of this hateful thing that I have learned by contact with men whose professional duty it is to relieve those who have "sinned" and paid the tragic penalty. I prefer rather to treat the subject from the broad human standpoint and, if you like, to repeat the things that every man about town knows and that, alas, every woman knows who has thought about these matters in connection with an erring husband or a loved and lost-sight-of son. Perhaps for some of us the perils of Piccadilly pavements have lost their charm. We know too well the dangers lurking so very little beneath the painted surface—the hollowness of these sham allurements—the utter barrenness of all that poses as love beneath the garb of lust. But such experience does not arrive in the few hot, exuberant years of youth. It comes slowly, and sometimes at a terrible cost. Our boys and girls, thanks to our gross and short-sighted apathy in this matter, are within nightly reach of damnation on the pavements of London. Reluctant as I am to harrow the feelings of folks in the sheltered provinces who like to forget all this, I cannot be silent in the face of what to me is the most appalling tragedy that the world contains.

Two Views.

I am, of course, fully aware of the fact that this painful subject has been the theme of acute medical controversy. Among doctors of the highest eminence there are those who hold that the best and most effective treatment is that which waits till what is called a "moral offence" has been committed, and then urges the "sinner" to rush to the nearest doctor with a tale of his wrong-doing and beg him to do his utmost to mitigate the possible consequences. That is one view; there is another. It is that grown men and women should be taught, without prejudice to the moral issue, that these risks need not be run, that the science of the pharmacist has provided the means of avoiding this disaster that lurks at our street corners for the entrapment of youth. Between these two opinions I personally have no difficulty in choosing. I try to look at the question not so much from the narrow standpoint of what is called "morality" as from the broader angle of what is best, not simply for the individual, but for the race. I have not rushed into print without consulting the best medical opinion that I can find, and I learn from doctors of the highest standing that they are only held back from offering this simple commonsense advice to those who consult them by the feeling that to do so would be to offend what they consider to be the prevailing moral opinion. The so-called "moral" argument is hackneyed and familiar. "Remove this terrible menace and you will make wrong-doing safe. Make it safe and you will make it frequent; and the last state would be worse than the first." But could anything be worse than the horrible, tragic, sordid plight in which we find ourselves to-day?

A Defined Policy.

Deeply conscious as I am of the intimate bearings of this subject upon the social and domestic life of the nation, I am disposed to follow it up in future articles, in the hope that the apathy of the authorities may be stirred and some definite State action result. I shall be reminded, no doubt, that the C.D. Acts in India were a failure, and the once venerated name of Josephine Butler will be hurled in my teeth as a challenge to the chivalry that every man ought to manifest towards the other sex. I admit the weight of these arguments—although I confess that, as on my homeward route I walk through Leicester Square and Piccadilly, such instincts of reverence as I possess for what is best in womanhood are all too apt to vanish. To some, probably the whole scene is a lively joke, and the far-famed "lights of London" a subject for nothing but ribald mirth. Somehow I cannot feel that way about it. I see boys on those pavements who might be my own—see them going to what, with my experience of the world, I know to be certain damnation—and I wonder whether in a State that calls itself civilised and Christian, we cannot take more care than this of the young lives that have been entrusted to our charge. I know the facile remark of the average man of the world: "You cannot stop it, and they must take the consequences." Since the consequences too often are physical ruin and mental decay, I decline to accept this as the ultimate verdict. It *must* be stopped; otherwise, we had better say definitely that disease is to dominate and vice to reign.

"MONEY LENT TO LADIES."

A STEALTHY SHYLOCK IN THE SUBURBS.

We are at no time greatly enamoured of the fraternity of money-lending touts, and two recent examples of their methods cause us to like them less than ever. The first is that enterprising financier, Mrs. Frances Michaelson, of 13, Selkirk Road, Tooting, S.W., who drops through the letter-box slips of papers with the alluring invitation, "Money Lent to Ladies." She modestly omits her name from these slips, giving only the address at which the financial accommodation is to be obtained, and with equal modesty she chooses a time of day when the male members of the average household are not at home. Such a method of tempting women to borrow money without their husbands' knowledge or consent is as despicable as it is cowardly, and we trust that those ladies who may be favoured with Mrs. Michaelson's missives will promptly throw them on the fire. Another who announces a special willingness to do business with women hails from 147-9, Newington Causeway, S.E. In a case brought to our notice, a reader in temporary want of money applied for a loan of £3. The fullest inquiries were made, including a visit to her home and an inspection of her rent book, and she offered as securities two insurance policies to the aggregate value of £40. These having been handed over, our correspondent was told she could only have a pound, which in default of more, she was prepared to accept, but could get only 13s. 2d. *Verb. sap.*

PERSECUTED NEWSBOYS.

GRATUITOUS INSULT IN PROBATION PAPER.

Somebody has been making things hot for boys who sell newspapers in Southend. The latest batch on top of others, was of three lads who, in December, were summoned for shouting while selling newspapers at Victoria Corner. The Hotel Victoria is near by, and its manager made the statement that the boys' noise disturbed, not only Mr. C. E. Morris, the proprietor, but also the commercial travellers staying there. We believed that "commercials" would never begrudge an honest living to lads of 16, and that they would be the last to complain of the sale of newspapers in the street. However, the Bench thought fit to place the boys on probation in a sum of £2 for a year. The paper of conditions of such probation leads off with a printed insult, for it stipulates that Stanley Perry (16) shall obey its by-law that "you do not associate with thieves, gamblers, and other undesirable persons, or frequent undesirable places." In the case of a good lad who has never mixed with such characters and never frequented such places, the paragraph reads like a deadly stigma, and most certainly should have been struck out. The paragraph following convicts itself of utter foolishness:—"That you lead an honest and industrious life," for the boy has never done otherwise, and it is only the persecution by interested parties and a supine Bench that threatens to cut away the source of his honest industry.

A PIG IN A POKE.

OFFICERS' CO-OPERATIVE RESETTLEMENT.

Answering an advertisement offering a directorship in a company carrying on business in Africa to an ex-officer willing to invest £1,000, a reader was recently asked to call at the Ex-Officers' Co-Operative Resettlement Association, 31, Bedford Row, London, W.C.1, in order to have an interview with Major Cox, the Chairman. This gentleman, after asking "How much capital have you at your disposal?" made the following "offer":—If our correspondent were prepared to go out to Rhodesia, "and learn the language," previously paying down his thousand pounds, an opening might eventually occur for him to buy land in connection with a development scheme. Everything was beautifully vague save the request for the thousand pounds, which was not handed over, the potential "director" not being vouchsafed the slightest information as to the use to which his money would be put. The Association has among its patrons such distinguished men as Admiral Fremantle, Mr. Pretyman, M.P., and Col. Sir Thomas Holdich. We wonder whether any of these gentlemen can throw light on the Association's methods of "Co-Operative Resettlement," which, on the face of it, would seem to call for some explanation. These methods may, of course, be entirely above suspicion, but even an ex-officer who may lack business training will not unnaturally want to know what he is to get in return for the investment.

BUYING A "PUP."

"SPEEDY" CAR WHICH DOESN'T SPEED.

The Pullinger Engineering Company, Ltd., formerly of Peckham, Putney and Holborn Viaduct, and later with works at Chelsea, appear to have constructed a cheap car which they designated the "Speedy," price 110 guineas; hood £7 7s. extra. For this car they required and received a deposit on order of 10 guineas. The model turned out to be disappointing, and the Company suddenly decided to "concentrate" on another one, the "Speedy Princeps Ten." So far as the original depositors on a "Speedy" model delivery were concerned, the "Speedy Princeps Ten" was quite a pig-in-a-poke. In the instance before us, the proposed purchaser had evidently not even seen it. "The established price," write the Company, "is the moderate figure of 160 guineas, £25 being payable with order, but where customers who have booked 'Speedy' cars so desire we are supplying the 'Princeps Ten' to the same delivery date, and no further remittance is necessary from such customers." Depositors on the one car were thus tempted to a further capital expenditure of 50 guineas on the other. Unfortunately in the matter of delivery the "Princeps Ten" car was not more speedy than the other, and our informant, after communicating with the Automobile Association, cancelled his order and called for the return of his deposit. As far back as 4th June last, the Company "noted" his desire and promised to remit the £10 paid as part purchase price, but our reader is still without his money. What he wants to know from the Pullinger Engineering Co. is whether and when he may expect said money, or shall he write it off in his books as a bad debt?

"EMIGRATE!"—BUT WHERE?

QUESTIONABLE VALUE OF PRIME MINISTER'S ADVICE

Mr. Lloyd George's recommendation that the unemployed should better their fortunes by emigrating is singularly untimely, in view of the universal protest from Colonial authorities that unemployment, high prices, and hard times generally are rampant across the seas. Our own letter bag bears out this testimony. From Sydney comes the unequivocal warning that "unless a man has at least £100 after landing, or is a highly-skilled workman, it would be better for him to drown himself than come out here." Those already on the spot, adds our correspondent, include many who would give anything to go "back to Blighty," but are unable from lack of money to pay their return passage. At Brisbane, emigrants lured overseas by deceptive promises stand in queues outside the Labour Exchange, only to be told daily that there is no work for them; an experience which they might have enjoyed without taking the trouble to cross several thousand miles of ocean. As a sample of the official warnings to would-be emigrants, we may also quote the Premier of New South Wales, who declared at a public meeting that "It is a heartbreaking task to find land for returned soldiers, let alone to satisfy the land hunger of farmers' sons and those who desire to emigrate to this country." Finally, let us take the case of New Zealand, where the Post Office is actually going out of its way to postmark letters to call attention to the number of ex-Service men still in search of work. The truth is, as we have pointed out for years, that unless a man is offered absolutely guaranteed employment, is a highly-skilled worker, or has capital (and the latter classes are not as a rule desirous of emigrating), it is incomparably better to remain in the United Kingdom than go overseas. This is in normal times; to-day, as the result of the aftermath of war, the warning is all the more urgent.

NO MORE MEDICAL SECRECY.

THE NEW INQUISITION OF THE WORKERS.

Ninepence-for Fourpence was at no time so uncommonly popular that there was any necessity to make it more disliked by the new system of Panel doctors' cards. These entirely abolish that secrecy which has hitherto existed between even the humblest patients and their doctors; so that an unfortunate woman who may in early life have had an illegitimate child now runs the constant risk of having her secret discovered until she has reached the age of seventy. This abolition of medical secrecy, which in effect means one law for the rich and another for the poor, is inevitable, not merely because the new cards are sent out in open envelopes with large transparent "windows," but because a busy doctor must employ a clerk to look after this mass of documents. Obviously, the better system would be to make each patient responsible for his or her own envelope, which could be produced whenever applying for treatment. We are not in the least convinced by the official defence of the new cards put forward by Dr. Alfred Cox, of the British Medical Association. He first attempts to evade the main issue, that of secrecy, on the ground that they will enable useful records to be kept, and then attempts to justify his contention that secrecy will not be impaired by his assertion that medical secrecy is anyhow only "a relative term." The medical profession as a whole, which includes very many Panel doctors who do not welcome the new inquisition, will hardly thank Dr. Cox for this line of defence, which is chiefly valuable as furnishing an additional proof of the extent to which the British Medical Association has lost touch with the interests of the community.

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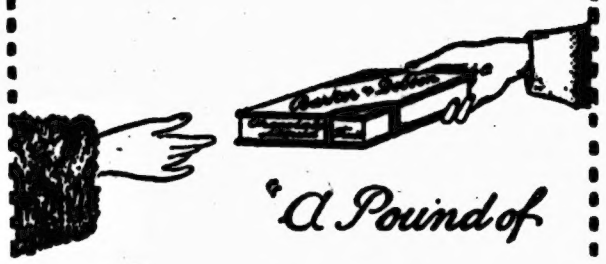

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PRISONER AT THE BAR.— EX-CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE BULL.

(The Government having definitely decided to allow the principal German War criminals to go scot free, it becomes the duty of Mr. Justice Bull to try them, one by one, at the Bar of British Justice.)

MR. JUSTICE BULL: You, Prisoner, are next on the list of War Criminals for trial, and but for the fact that the mock Court at Leipsic had failed in its sworn duty of bringing to justice the principal villains of the Great War, I suppose I should not have been entrusted with a task of this kind. For, in truth, your crimes have been such as to appal the imagination of the most hardened judge. I cannot quarrel with the verdict of the jury. They have found you guilty, not merely of such excesses as were the common fault of the whole German soldiery in France, but of definite and specific crimes so disgraceful in a prince, so unworthy of a man, that I cannot pass them over without the severest judgment. Let me recite the tale of your misdoings. Unless, first, you have anything to say.

PRISONER: Just this, my Lord. I have been terribly misjudged. Although almost ashamed to confess it, I was never more in Germany than the pampered scion of the royal house, taught from my cradle to regard the world as my kingdom, the earth as my province, the whole gamut of human nature as my field of sport. Now I realise my mistake. I see it was all a fatal error, and that to live as I did during those frenzied years of war was a crime against the Law of Nations which nothing can excuse. Therefore, my Lord, I throw myself upon your mercy. Pass the least sentence you can.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Nothing you have said can mitigate the stern requirements of justice. It might almost appear that you had failed to hear the jury's verdict. Listen, and if it lies in your hardened conscience, repent. Early in the war you set your soldiers the abominable example of "looting." The word is one that means in the plain language of all nations "theft." You shamelessly stripped the Chateau de Baye and other ancient homes of France of their priceless art treasures in order to decorate your hired quarters in Berlin. You stole—the evidence is unanswerable—the choicest wines from the vaults of historic French mansions in order that you might carouse freely with other "ornaments" of the German army as degraded as yourself. Beyond this I hesitate to go—reluctant as I am to accept even the evidence of a sworn Jury where it involves the utter disgrace of a man who has stood as high as you have in the royal lineage of Europe. The Jury say—and I cannot ignore their observations—that you entered into relations with black prisoners of war that will not bear mentioning in any company of civilised people. And then we have that story, supported, I am bound to say, by evidence of the kind that in this Court we are wont to respect, of your sinister intrigue with an innocent French girl who, poor fool, trusted you to the extent of assuming that, being a prince, you must be a gentleman—not as all the world should have known by then, the veriest cad that ever hung upon the steps of a throne. I have used language of severity, Prisoner—and with justice. In this Court there is no distinction of rank or station. Indeed, its walls, as you may have noticed, are emblazoned with the maxim "Noblesse oblige"—but you wish to speak?

PRISONER: Remembering the severity that you saw fit to exercise towards my august father, I wouldn't for a moment venture to argue the *pros* and *cons* of the terrible charges you have brought against me. They involve, in one sentence, the heavy crimes of theft, adultery, and bestiality—any one of which might be sufficient to damn me for ever in the eyes of a critical world. After following the whole course of the trial, I cannot venture to deny the charges in a Court composed entirely of my enemies. Unlike my father, I hope nothing from Heaven and trust only to your British justice, distinguished throughout the world for its undeviating rectitude. There I leave it. Be merciful with me.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: When were you merciful? I remember that terrible tragedy of Verdun when you, out of sheer vainglory, because your own reputation as a military commander was at stake, threw thousands and thousands of German troops into a gap which before many days were over was simply a swirling torrent of blood. You believed, no doubt, that if only by this terrible sacrifice some sort of breach could be made in the French line, you would be acclaimed throughout Germany as the worthy successor of her great commanders of the past. It may be claimed that you "led" your troops, not perhaps to victory, but at any rate to honourable distinction. The Jury deny this.—They tell me that all this time you were taking excellent care to save your miserable carcase from the accidents of war, and that while better men than you exposed their naked flesh to the hell of fire and slaughter that rained from the defending fortress, you were pleased to resort to the boudoirs of easy-going women, who—because you were a prince—were content to be something less than we expect decent women to be. I cannot listen to you further. You stand before me convicted not perhaps as an arch-criminal, but as a weak, vain, posturing fool, who—because, as he thought, a throne awaited him—was content that all the vital elements of manhood should be lost. Now for your sentence, Prisoner. You sha'n't share your father's fate. It is too good for you. Too dignified—too tragic. You will be compelled to reimburse the victims of your thefts every penny you have stolen—as well as to compensate to the fullest degree those who in other ways you have victimised by the glamour of your "royal" presence. Beyond this, I shall simply confine myself to an example which I think you have more than once experienced in the course of parental discipline. We will find a fortress, and there you will be imprisoned until such time as you may have learnt the common decencies of manhood. Not often do I allow sympathy to sway my judgments; but it is perhaps a little unfortunate that you were born a prince. You might have made quite a decent peasant.

THE HOUSE THAT MOND BUILT.

"NOT THE FAINTEST IDEA" OF EVENTUALITIES.

The Office of Works boasts of the assistance it gives to housing schemes. During the recent discussion in Parliament, Sir Alfred Mond gave figures purporting to show that these building operations were being carried out efficiently, economically, and expeditiously—but when he came to deal with the conversion of old houses into flats, he gave quite another picture of the work of his Department. "In these conversions," he said, "you have not the faintest idea what you are going to meet with," adding that if it was desired to ascertain the exact cost beforehand, "they would have to pull down the house first; nobody could tell how many rotten floors, bad joists, bad brickwork, and dry rot one would find in a house merely by looking at it." But any ordinary private builder would be able after examination to form a pretty good idea of the condition of the premises, and to give an estimate for their conversion. The highly-paid "experts" of the Office of Works are, apparently, unable to perform so simple a job—with the result that after submitting an estimate of £1,855 for one particular building, the final cost is about £3,300, the whole house—("How it was standing, I do not know," bleated Sir Alfred pathetically)—having had to be underpinned. If a private contractor had been concerned, he would have been declared a bungler and had his bill for "extras" disputed.

PUNISHED FOR DUTY DONE.

BLACK-AND-TANS THROWN INTO GAOL.

Four members of the R.I.C. and three black-and-tans were travelling by motor along a road in the heart of a dangerously disaffected district in King's County, Ireland. About two miles outside a village where it was fair-day, a man suddenly directed a drove of cattle across the roadway, causing the motor-tender to pull up sharply. This dodge of blocking a road is often the sign of an ambush, so two black-and-tans, the driver and another, promptly jumped down and searched the man. Nothing was found on him beyond various papers, some printed in Irish. These were destroyed, and, after cautioning the cattle-driver against obstruction of the police, they continued their journey. Two nights later, the couple of black-and-tans were taken from their beds and charged by the County Police Inspector with stealing £8 from the man they had halted and searched. They were thrown into an old gaol. Their month's pay, received on the day of arrest, was taken from them, and they can get no information as to any trial in Court or by court-martial. They assert, and the other men on the car corroborate, that the cattle-driver was merely searched. Meanwhile, they lie in gaol without any apparent prospect of a "trial," locked up in the same cells as the Sinn Feiners they themselves have brought to the prison. Protesting their perfect innocence, they demand full and complete inquiry, and we agree that it is their due.

OUR CHRISTMAS FUND.

YULETIDE GIFTS FOR THE LONDON POOR.

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of our readers, the annual distribution of comforts to the poor of London, through the medium of our Christmas Fund, was this year on a more lavish scale than it was always possible to maintain—especially during the war. Very many poor families have to thank both those who contributed in cash or kind, and those who helped in the distribution of such seasonable articles as food, clothing, toys for the kiddies, etc. As our readers know, all administration expenses are borne by us, so that the recipients benefited to the full extent of the generosity of the many donors—to whom, and those who assisted in the distribution, we tender our very hearty thanks. The following further subscriptions have been received:—

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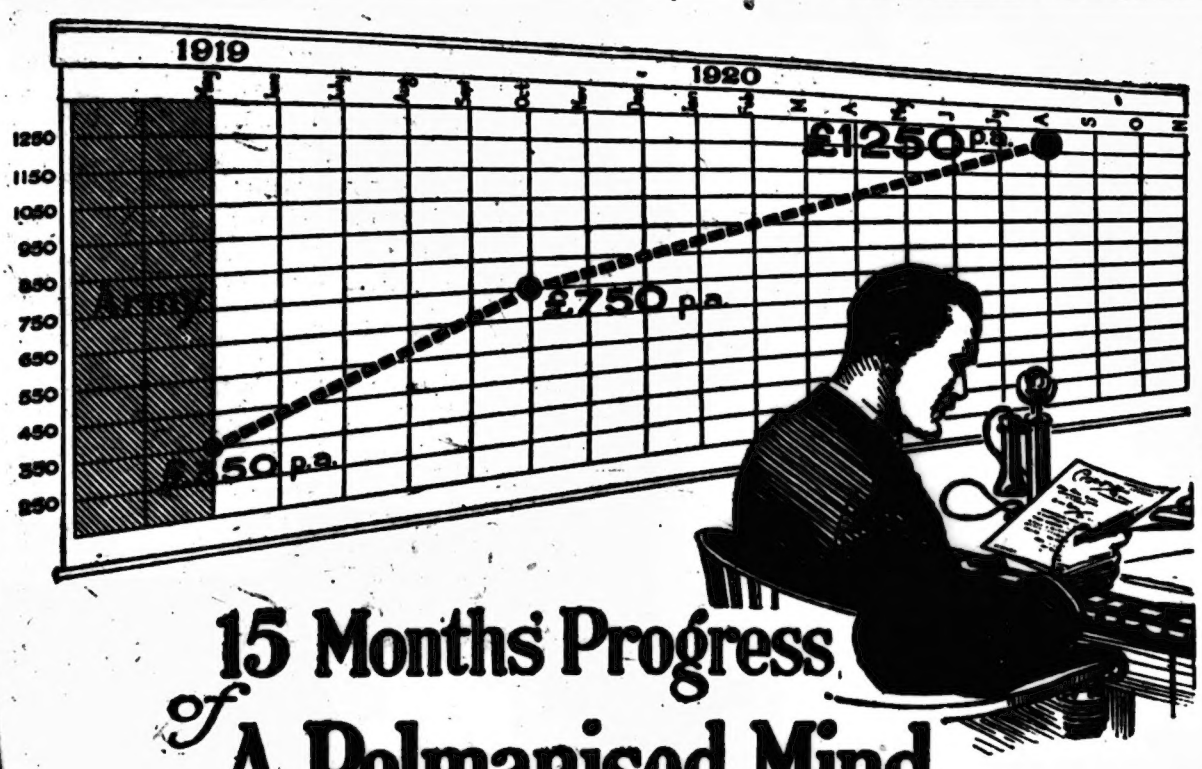

15 Months' Progress of A Pelmanised Mind

I AM neither barrister nor lawyer, admiral nor politician. I am just a plain, average citizen with the average amount of common sense—perhaps that is why my story will appeal the more to the bulk of this paper's readers.

The story goes back a long way to the days when we were waiting behind Cambrai for that last "push" which finished the war and cast forth thousands of young subs on an unfeeling world.

I knew of "Pelmanism" in those days—who, in France, didn't? My dug-out mate was a keen Pelmanist and spent hours over the "Little Grey Books." "After three doses of your Pelmanism I am now a General!"—that was my feeling regarding Pelmanism—I scoffed at it. "There must be something in it," I thought, "but they claim too much."

Any way, the day came when George rather carelessly "took a packet." After cursing him for his good luck and packing his kit, I sent him down the line and returned to my dug-out to magnificent solitude.

It was some days later, searching for something, anything, to read, I came across George's Pelman books. I read, lightly at first, but gradually my interest grew. My mind was carried back to the 'varsity days when I revelled in the old Psychologists. Here they were again, but oh! so changed—their dreamland fancies, their ethereal wanderings—but chained down to hard, bed-rock common sense. It was a butterfly transformed to an aeroplane, a fairy tale to an adding machine.

From that on, I studied keenly—no right to do so, I suppose. Perhaps I ought to have been numbered among the forty thieves, or even promoted quartermaster—anyhow, if I got Pelmanism "on the cheap" that has not discounted its effect.

That period of study made a change in me—a change not easy to define. Put bluntly—it gave me the "grit" to prepare for civil life. I knew the war was finishing. I knew I should have to return to civil work—what, I didn't know, and till then I hadn't much cared. But Pelmanism aroused in me an inordinate ambition to get on, it gathered together my scattered mind, which had been wandering uncontrolled among the shell holes.

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This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir Hamar Greenwood, P.C., M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,—Your description of yourself as "the only man who had perfect optimism" regarding the future of Ireland just about hits the mark. You have not only expressed your belief that within six months two Parliaments will be working in Ireland, but that they will have "powers greater than those enjoyed by any two American Legislatures." There is not a man or woman in the Empire who will not hope to see your prediction fulfilled to the letter, even if most of them will hardly share your "perfect optimism." Anyhow, it's cheery to see someone who confidently expects so much from the New Year. JOHN BULL.

To Sir John Martin Harvey.

DEAR SIR JOHN,—In a New Year's Honours' List redolent of mediocrity, your name appears like rare and refreshing fruit. Your distinction is eminently deserved; you have in no small measure "added to the gaiety of nations," and if "The Only Way" alone were the record of your stage work, you would have given pleasure to countless thousands. Unlike so many of your profession, you neither advertise your personality nor regard the chief end of an actor's life as posing for the picture papers, and in honouring you His Majesty has done honour to the best elements of our Stage. I trust it may be many years yet before we shall witness your "positively last appearance." JOHN BULL.

To Mr. James Darvill, Horse Dealer, 5, Stevenson Road, Silverhill, St. Leonards.

DARVILL,—Except for the fact of your war service in France you might now be in gaol. Even with that in mind, the Battle Magistrates seem to have been in some doubt whether or not to turn the key on you when you were recently before them. There is no doubt you beat that poor horse at the Fair with brutal ferocity—"practically flayed it alive," in the words of Inspector Hall of the R.S.P.C.A., and this to the accompaniment of language of gross obscenity. According to another witness, the poor beast vaulted into an enclosure in pain and terror, and even there you beat it with your whip till it "cried like a child." With 37 previous convictions against you for various offences—theft, wilful damage, assaulting the police, among others—you have reason to think yourself fortunate in your judges. Take my advice for your future, Darvill; be less a brute and more a man. JOHN BULL.

To Messrs. Rowley and Gibbs, British Smallwares Co., 144, Stoney Lane, Sparkbrook.

SIRS,—I have seen the letter you wrote to a young man advertising for a position suitable for a good scholar, quick writer and qualified commercial traveller, in which you offered him "10s. per week (not payable if turnover does not amount to £10 per week), 2½ per cent. commission on Soaps, 5 per cent. on Candles, and 10 per cent. on all other lines absolutely." I admire your hardihood in offering such terms to a young man of ability, more especially with money at its present value. But perhaps there is some significance in the fact that your address is Stoney Lane. JOHN BULL.

To Alex. McMillan, Esq., J.P., Blantyre.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to your recent performance when presiding at the Hamilton J.P. Court. A schoolboy was charged with stealing coal, and was ably defended by his solicitor who, at the conclusion of the evidence, maintained that no case had been made out against the lad. You, however, without consulting your colleague, uttered these memorable words: "The charge is found proved and the boy is fined 10s." The defending solicitor properly pointed out that it was a "one-man" decision, and you then were forced to consult the Bailie by your side. He was equally confident that the case had *not* been made out, consequently you had no choice but to declare it "not proven." If you had consulted with your colleague in the first instance you would have acted more justly and looked less ridiculous at the finish. JOHN BULL.

To Sir William Crundall, J.P., Dover.

DEAR GREAT MAN,—In the course of my activities over the Dover election, I have ascertained that our great Channel port is regarded by you as your own preserve, and that you are under the impression that no one can appear upon the face of the earth in it without your august consent. Prepare yourself for a rude awakening. As I told a great audience the other night, pray excuse my profound ignorance, but I had never heard of you before. William the Conqueror I had heard of, also William of Orange, and William le Quex and William Shakespeare and William Whiteley—but William Crundell, never. However, every dog has his day, and you have had yours. What a nuisance we Independents are, to be sure! Wishing you as happy a New Year as is possible in the circumstances.

JOHN BULL.

To Signor Gabriele D'Annunzio.

SIR,—Now that your adventure at Fiume is over, Europe will perhaps advance a little further on the road to peace. I have never been able to share the point of view of those facile persons who dismissed you as a "mad poet." We are, after all, living in the twentieth century, not the Elizabethan era, and the time is past when either emperors or poets could indulge in the luxury of private wars. You have so proved your soldierly qualities that I am sure you will take your defeat like a sportsman, and say good-bye to buccaneering without making a fuss about it. Let me know when you are writing your next book. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. H. T. Hurst, Vicar of Eaton Socon, Huntingdonshire.

DEAR VICAR,—If you want to be comfy in Eaton Socon I suggest that you should be a more careful body. I see by your parish magazine that you've been letting the congregation have it, or propose to let them have it; I am not sure whether it is which orboth—telling them at any rate, that you won't tolerate "impertinent interference or bossiness on the part of male or female"; likewise that you won't be a slave and won't be suppressed—not even by the parish cats. That's all very well up to a point; but again I advise you to be careful, especially in regard to the cats, or you'll get their backs up, and before you can say "Sunday," they'll be clawing and scratching you all over. Always say nice things about cats, or be sure they'll say nasty things about you. JOHN BULL.

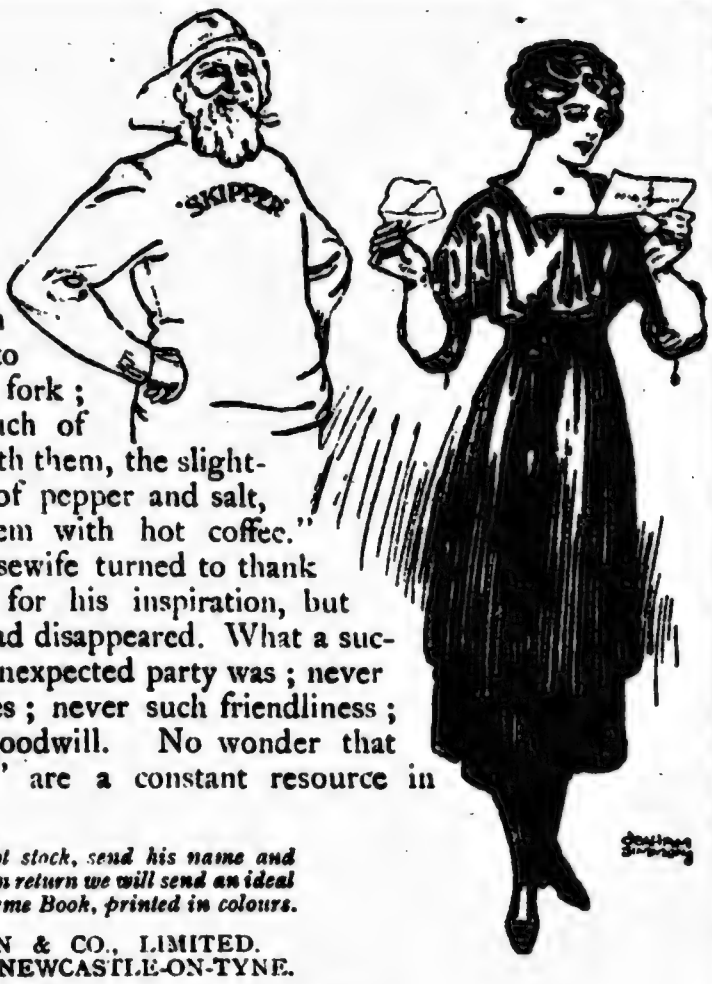
To Messrs. H. J. Price and G. R. Wilson, Magistrates, Ongar, Essex.

GENTLEMEN,—It is not often necessary for me to comment upon the findings of your Court, but I cannot pass over the case of Ada Kettley, of High Ongar, who was recently sentenced by you to two months' imprisonment for callously abandoning her six little children in an empty house. Devoid of all feelings of decency, this inhuman mother sold every stick of furniture in her home, and ran away with a lodger, leaving her children without food or money in the cold empty house where they were discovered later, crying, hungry and unattended. The fact that her husband is an inmate of an asylum only renders her action all the more deplorable, and the sentence of two months' imprisonment will be far too light to have any effect upon such a character. In future, please make the punishment suitable to the crime. JOHN BULL.

In the Barber's Chair — Dr. Fisher, Minister of Education.

Goo' mornin', sir. . . *'Air cullin'?* Right. Thet chair . . . Eh? . . . *Not too short?* All right, all right. Yes, I'm in a n'ell of a temper. . . . I don't care wot chew say about it bein' a bad way to start the Noo Year. It ain't my fault. You blame some o' them blokes wot are doin' their best to ruin me an' the rest o' the 'ard-up middle clarsses with their goddam waste an' blarsted unnecessary spendin'. Blame fellers like Fisher, the Minister of Edjercashun. 'E's a beauty, ain't 'e? . . . *Am I an enemy of edjercashun?* No, I ain't. But I'm a n'enemy of drivin' the pore ole country into bankruptcy; I've 'ad all the school edjercashun *I* want, thank you, an' it didn't cost the pore ratepayers ninety-three millions a year, neether. It's true I wasn't taught to play the pee-anner at other people's expense. My father was a barber, an' 'e taught me to be a better barber then 'imself. Thet's wot I calls edjercashun. The rest is trimmin's. An' I've got some o' them, if yer wanter know. Learned 'em on me own. It's true I don't talk aristocratic an' 'ighfalutin', but I knows 'ow many beans make five an' wot chew git back for a quid at six to four on. I've likewise learned to love me country, an' to 'ate them wot's tryin' to ruin it—w'ich is more then you kin say fur some o' them wots bin to colleges. Learnin' seems to turn some people's blood sour. England waited gittin' on for two thousan' years for Dr. Bloomin' Fisher. It won't 'urt it to wait a few years longer for 'is bee-ootiful edjercashun schemes to be put in operation. This waste 'as gotter stop. AN' IT'S GOIN' TO BE STOPPED! . . . *'Oo's goin' to stop it?* . . . *I'll* tell yer. . . . I'll tell yer 'oo's goin' to stop it—MEN! Men like General Townshend in the 'Ouse, an' Sir Thomas Polson, w'en 'e gits there, w'ich 'm bettin' on as a cert. Jew think Dover's any more in favour of waste then wot the Wrekin was? Not it. I 'aven't mentioned Bottomley as one o' them becos' it ain't necessary. Everybody knows wot 'e thinks about the wasters. *Don't know wott I'm talkin' about?* Now, don't git narsty, becos' *I* might. Think I 'aven't seen the reports o' the Select Committee on National 'Spenditure? Thet's w'y I've got the wind up about Fisher, an' Addison—Fisher 'spech'lly, now I see wot 'e wants to spend this yer on Edjercashun. But I fency thet this time thet Fisher'll catch somethink wot 'e don't expec'. 'E'll catch a Dover sole wot'll give 'im a narsty attack of indigestion. . . . *'Ave I finished?* No, I could go on like this for *hours*. . . Oh, you mean your 'air? Yes, I've made you look fairly respectable, I think . . . As you're Dr. Fisher 'iself, an' you're lumpin' it on the taxes to sich an extent, I shell 'ave to charge you 'arf-a-crown. . . . Oh, yes, I knew 'oo you was. . .

THE UNEXPECTED TELEGRAM



"JUST think!" said the young wife, anxiously looking at the telegram, "that he should bring a friend home to-night! There's not a thing in the house, and it's too late to cook a meal. I really don't know what to do.

The old Skipper's laugh made her turn suddenly.

"Bless my heart!" he said. "Why all this trouble about nothing at all? Try some nicely cut sandwiches with 'SKIPPERS' for the centre. If you have not a couple of tins in the store cupboard (and of course you ought to have), you can get them at the nearest Grocer. Work the fish and the oil into a paste with a fork; just put a touch of seasoning in with them, the slightest suggestion of pepper and salt, and serve them with hot coffee." The little housewife turned to thank the old man for his inspiration, but somehow he had disappeared. What a success the little unexpected party was; never such sandwiches; never such friendliness; never such goodwill. No wonder that "SKIPPERS" are a constant resource in this home.

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A Dramatic By-Election—Coalition Can

By THE

ON Wednesday next, Dover will choose its new Member of Parliament. Its choice lies between Sir Thomas Polson, a man of wide Business experience—who rendered magnificant service during the war at the National Clothing Factory—and Major John Jacob Astor, who fought gallantly against the Hun, but who, with delightful naïveté, tells the electors that he has only just turned his attention to public affairs. It is a splendid opportunity for our historic port to give the nation a lead—and the Government a reminder; for whilst Sir Thomas Polson stands as an Independent Anti-Waste Candidate, Major Astor says, "I know nothing of politics—I have only just begun to think about such things; but they have put me up as the Coalition Candidate, and—well, there you are!" But the joke of the thing is that, knowing nothing of politics, he has got somebody to write his speeches for him—and never did candidate so give away the Party for whom he stood.

Save Them From Their Friends.

I have before me the shorthand notes of Major Astor's speech on the opening of his campaign. How on earth he came to read it (I'm sure he didn't write it) passes understanding. He starts with the confession, to which I have already referred, that he has "only recently" turned his attention to public affairs. That, I say, is an insult to Dover. The ship of State to-day is in terribly perilous waters, and only by the aid of the most experienced mariners can she be brought safely into port. We have no use just now for midshipmites and apprentices. It is obvious that Major Astor has no higher ambition than to be one of a flock of sheep to be marched through the Division Lobbies at the bidding of the Government Whips. And that way lies national disaster. But how crude and raw the Coalition Candidate is, will be gathered from some of the stuff to which he has been made to put his name. His political godfather evidently realises that mere lip service to the Coalition won't do, against a strong candidate like Sir Thomas Polson, and so he has to make some show of qualified intelligence. And this is how he does it: First, the docile candidate, knowing that Pussyfoot has no place in Dover, tells us that he is against "Prohibition"—a specious phrase, which, of course, leaves him free to vote for any Government measure which falls short of that absurd provision. As a matter of fact, there is little difference between Prohibition and Local Veto—and it is beyond doubt that the latter obnoxious system will be found in the new Bill. That means that, by a bare majority of fussy fanatics, honest, wearied workers may be entirely deprived of the opportunity of having a glass of beer at the end of their labour. I do not believe that the electors of Dover will submit to such an insult and humiliation—and, as our jocular contents-bill editor points out, Major Astor is "an ass to risk it"! Then the tame candidate tells us that all unnecessary Ministries are to be abolished as early as possible. How good of the Government—but who has forced its hand? *The Anti-Waste Members!* We are further assured that Mesopotamia is to be evacuated at the earliest possible date, and other economies in the Near East effected. Again I ask, to whom are our thanks due for this belated decision? *To none more than to General Townshend, the latest acquisition to the Independent Group in the House of Commons.* And here is a delicious extract: "As regards certain services, Control is all right, but in trade it has the effect of hindrance more than of assistance. The Government Department—with its rules and regulations and chain of responsibility, its endless reference to superior authority, the reluctance to take responsibility—all means a delay in coming to any decision, and cramps initiative and enterprise. It does not conduce to efficiency, but rather, as we can see nowadays, it hinders industry." On the other hand I turn to both the speeches and the Address of Sir Thomas Polson—the Independent Anti Waste candidate. There is no ambiguity about them. He is out-and-out a Business man and an Anti-Waster—every word of his ringing true.

My Appeal to the Electors.

It was after considering the War and Business record of Sir Thomas that I ventured to issue the following appeal to the electors—that was on the 20th December, but nothing has happened to cause me in any way to qualify what I said:—

> The elevation of your late Member to the Peerage renders necessary a by-election, and I venture to ask you to consider very seriously whether it would not be well for the electors to follow the example of the Wrekin Division of Shropshire, and send to the House of Commons a man of Independent character to assist and, at the same time, "ginger" up the Government in the solution of the great problems now confronting the nation. In Sir Thomas Polson you have an ideal candidate. A man of wide Business experience, he rendered the nation the greatest service as a leading official of the Royal Army Clothing Department—setting his face against all profiteering and saving millions of money; and if you send him to the House of Commons—to co-operate with General Townshend and myself, and others of the Independent, Anti-Waste, but always Patriotic Group—I am sure you will never have cause to regret your decision. He will, in due course, duly expound his views, but in the meantime I heartily recommend him to your favourable consideration, and I shall do my utmost to secure his return. Some of you may ask what right have I to interfere in this election. It is a fair question and I will give you a straight answer. I represent the ordinary law-abiding, overtaxed citizen, who, disappointed with the promises of Party Politicians, calls for the introduction of Business methods into the Government *as the only antidote to the danger of revolution and anarchy now threatening our old country.* Many Dover electors have appealed to me for guidance in this contest—one memorial alone being signed by 200 ex-Service men—and I tell you, in all sincerity, that the return of Sir Thomas Polson will have the most beneficial and far-reaching effect upon the future peace and prosperity of our land. I am afraid that in the present unsettled state of public affairs it is idle to wish you a

DOVER'S NEW YEAR CARD

EMIER STICK IT?

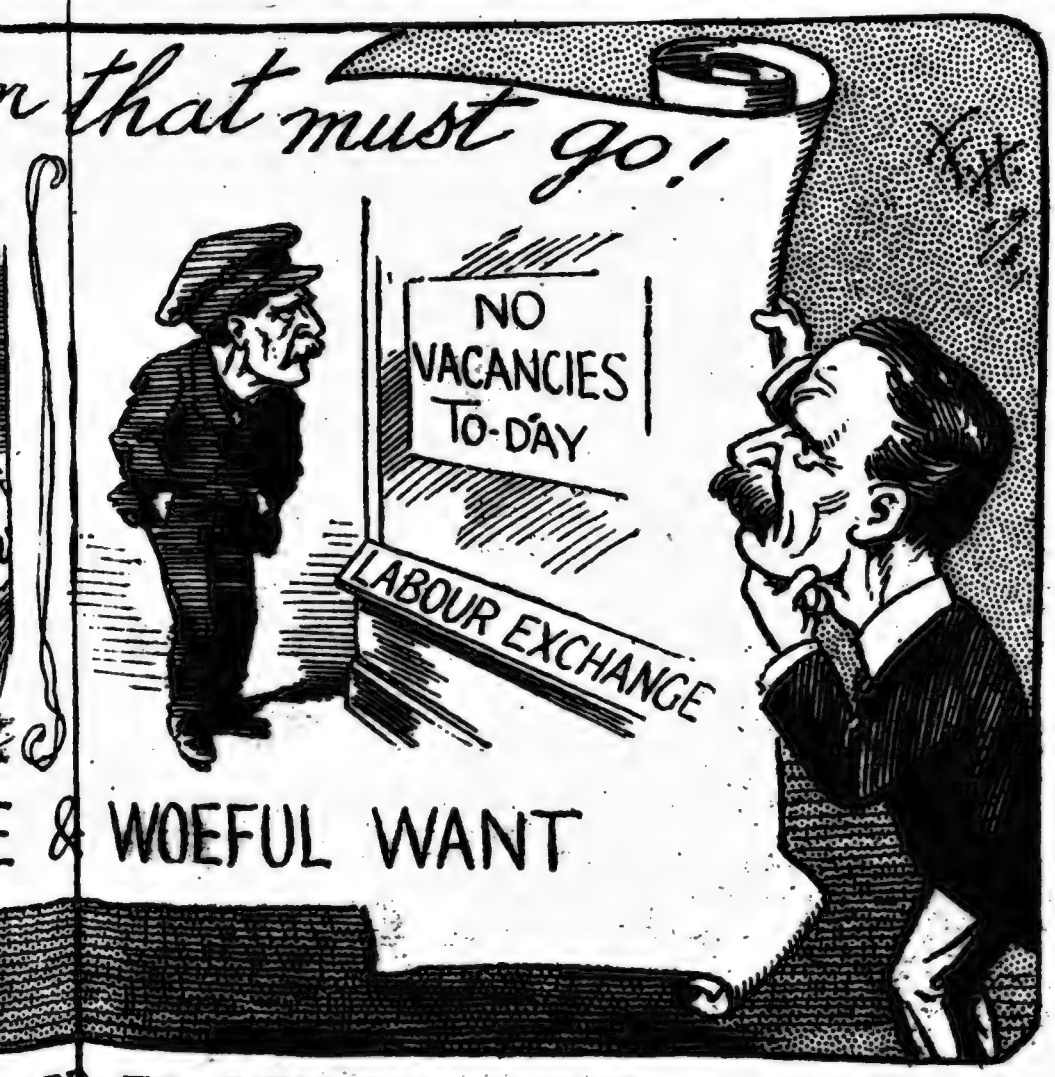
Candidate's Dilemma—An "Ass to Risk" It.

THE EDITOR.

Merry Christmas, but I do say to you, with all the earnestness of which I am capable, that the election of Sir Thomas Polson may go a long way towards securing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Dover's Opportunity.

Well, as I have said, on Wednesday next Dover will be afforded a unique opportunity of giving the Government a much-needed reminder that the nation looks to it in this new year of 1921 not only finally to clear up the mess and aftermath of the war, but to redeem its Election pledges, and, above all things, to keep faith with the Service men. Whatever the result of the election may be, I have no hesitation in predicting that the vote cast for Sir Thomas Polson will be a significant one—more especially when it is remembered that he is attacking one of the most securely-entrenched Party strongholds in the United Kingdom. And what can be done at Dover can be done elsewhere, and I take this opportunity of warning the Government that they will have to reckon with an Independent candidate at every important by-election—even though his intervention may mean the letting in of an extreme Labour man. After all, that would not entail any great danger in the House of Commons, as the Labour Party, as at present constituted, does not count as an effective political force—however strengthened it may find itself after the next General Election as the result of the past few years' experience. On the other hand, the lesson will not be lost upon the Government, which will have to defer, more than it has ever done before, to public opinion if its nominees are to avoid defeat. What message, then, will either the election of Sir Thomas Polson or the casting of a heavy vote in his favour convey to the Prime Minister? I don't think I could sum it up more concisely than in the phrase of old Campbell-Bannerman—"Stop this fooling!" With a Budget approximating, in one form and another, fifteen hundred millions; with the drag upon commercial enterprise caused by the Excess Profits Duty—which means that if a capitalist wishes to embark upon a new venture he must take all the risk of the loss, but must give the Government 60 per cent. of the profit; with unemployment schemes left until the problem has become so acute that further inaction is rendered impossible; with the German War Criminals still at large, and probably out of their country; with the Kaiser grinning at us from his Christmas party in Holland; with the Indemnity and Reparation clauses of the Peace Treaty being set at naught by Germany—whilst she is rapidly recovering her commercial prosperity; with useless emergency Ministries still in existence and swallowing up millions a year, and even new ones being contemplated; with altogether redundant forces in Mesopotamia and elsewhere; with anarchy and rebellion in Ireland, and a similar state of things rapidly developing in India and Egypt; with Bolshevism spreading its tentacles throughout the Empire—and, withal, the Prime Minister's latest panacea for unemployment, *for making England a country fit for heroes to live in*—emigration to our Colonies (where they have their own unemployment problems as acute as ours)—with these things in front of them, Dover electors will surely send no uncertain warning to Mr. Lloyd George, on the lines of what I wrote on this page last week.



CARD TO DOWNING STREET.

Make Good or Go!

I then said that the Government should be given until November next—that is, three years after the Armistice—to make good. It is a big period of grace, but we will be generous and admit that the war itself was a big thing. If, therefore, by the date I have mentioned, we are still "muddling through," I repeat my threat of last week—that there will be at least one stormy petrel in the House of Commons who will give Ministers no rest and will do his utmost, both there and elsewhere, to bring them before the bar of Public Opinion. In the meantime, however, it is imperative to keep our eyes upon them. The change will not come in a day. Economies must commence forthwith; and, despite the irony of having left building and road-making until the winter months, that work must be vigorously taken in hand. There can be no more bargaining and bartering with the Trades Unions—whose members are at heart as loyal and patriotic as any other section of the community. The miners have already shown us what good-will and fair treatment may accomplish. The builders must now do the same. Has it ever occurred to you that if there had been no Armistice and the war had lasted, say, another year, Britain would have been called upon to find two thousand millions more? And somehow or other she would have done it. And yet when it comes to the purposes of peace—of profitable, wealth-producing expenditure, with employment for all willing hands—we are told that we cannot afford the money. What we could have afforded for further war we must find for peace, and here Dover must give the Chancellor of the Exchequer a bit of gingering-up. He must at once announce the abandonment of the Excess Profits Duty, which is strangling all trade and enterprise and playing right into the hands of our American, Japanese, and German rivals. And he must give beer and spirits and tobacco and income-tax a rest, and look for new sources of revenue. It is amazing how, despite the lessons of the war, he clings to the old finance. Will not he take a lesson from our French neighbour, which by abandoning the Puritan doctrine of the early Victorian age, and taking note of the inherent instincts of human nature, raises hundreds of millions a year without the slightest difficulty by means of Premium or Bonus Bonds, carrying a fixed rate of interest, with absolute security for the return of capital, tax free, and entitled to participate in several drawings every year for substantial premiums or prizes. It is not many years since Mr. Chamberlain himself was a strong supporter of this system, but once in office the bankers and big financiers got hold of him and compelled him to change his view. To divert the savings of the "little men" into the Treasury—and, incidentally, giving them in the most literal sense, a stake in their country—does not apparently suit these gentry. Oh, for a Business Government! Come, Dover, give it a fillip!

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The PEOPLE'S PULPIT

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For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," pages 18-19.

Up to the Churches.

I recently noticed an offer from a gentleman of £100 "to open and warm churches for the homeless"; and would like to suggest that every church gives the whole offerings for one Sunday to assist these poor men out of work.—GITANA CLEMENTS, Gordon Street, Leamington.

(*An admirable precedent, which we commend to the attention of others who profess to follow the principles of Christianity.*)

Compulsory Education.

The New Education Act for Scotland compelling children to go to school until they are fifteen is hard on parent and ratepayer alike. When one considers the money value of brawn over brains, surely this Act should be repealed. Most of the working class look for some help from their family at that age, and certainly the youngsters should begin to earn their own living.— A. HENDERSON, P. West, Gretna Township.

(*We agree—the subject being one that has formed the theme of comment in this journal for many years.*)

Employers and Labour Exchanges.

Why don't employers of labour patronise the Labour Exchanges more than they do, instead of advertising vacancies—often giving only a "Box No." for reply, whereby many stamps are wasted by luckless applicants? All workers who are now insured against unemployment are compelled to register their names, and it should be as compulsory for employers to register vacancies.—ALEX. PETERKIN, St. Nicholas Street, Aberdeen.

(*Our own view is that the Labour Exchanges have long survived their usefulness, and could be immediately scrapped.*)

Political Promises.

The majority of Members of Parliament were given a seat in the House of Commons at the General Election of 1918, solely on the promises they made in their election speeches. The Kaiser was to be tried and hanged. German war criminals were to be punished. Enemy aliens were to be shipped out of the country, and none were to be admitted. The reverse has happened, and peaceful penetration is again in full swing.—JOHN THOMSON, Balcarres Street, Morningside, Edinburgh.

(*As a regular reader, our correspondent must be aware that these subjects have constantly occupied our pen.*)

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. Sharples.

Cruelty Charges.

The alarming increase of cases of "gross cruelty" to some unfortunate horse or pony, and the very light fines usually inflicted on the offenders, suggests that it would be more of a deterrent if employers were to sack these cruel and incompetent creatures, and replace them by our unemployed, who perhaps would have more patience with the animals.—M. HELSBY, Wellington Avenue, Liverpool.

(*If in our employment, a man guilty of cruelty to a dumb beast would be "sacked" on the spot.*)

Make the Kaiser Pay.

The Germans must smile when they read of England "adopting" the ruined towns and villages of France, and helping to restore them. We know this shows our sympathy to our brave ally for what she has suffered, but would it not be better if the Kaiser and his former subjects were made to spend their millions on the restoration of such places? Then our money could be used to relieve the distress among our own ex-Service men and their families.—H. SHARPLES, Norris Street, Darwen, Lancs.

Surplus Stores.

The Government must still have thousands of disused Army blankets, and instead of them being sold as surplus stock to be sold again at a profit, why not distribute a certain number to each town where the distress is so keen among the ex-Service men and their families? They would be most gratefully received.—L. DIGBY, Euston Road, Northampton.

(*A suggestion of which we entirely approve.*)

The "Overtime" Scandal.

At present there are Trade Union men working on the railway who have been agitating and fighting to get the 48 hours' week, and yet are working as many as 60 to 70 hours a week, while thousands of poor British ex-Service men are unemployed and starving. Are these so-called Unions simply camouflage?—BEN. ATKINS, Major Road, Stratford, E.

(*Perhaps "Jimmy" Thomas could give us a word of useful information.*)

Building Trades and Dilution.

The refusal of the Executives of Building Trades Unions to admit dilutees is not only very unpatriotic, but a bad and short-sighted policy. If it was agreed to, it would not only be a boon to those who have fought for us, but would put millions of money into circulation, and the Government would have no excuse for not getting the "Housing Scheme" into full swing. *No skilled tradesman worth his salt fears dilution* if after training standard rates of pay are guaranteed by the Government, as in New Zealand—for his training in youth gives him a permanent advantage over the dilutee.—T. CLAYTON, Albert Square, Ella Street, Hull.

(*The efforts of Trade Unionists to boycott ex-soldiers are among the great scandals of the day.*)

Rough on Recruits.

Amazing are the methods of our Recruiting Authorities. The following is one of three similar cases I have discovered in a fortnight:—An ex-farm labourer, 18 years of age, decided to join the Army after losing father, leaving his mother with young family to enter the workhouse. He interviewed recruiting officer at Lowestoft, left at 8.15 for Ipswich, where he was medically examined and dispatched at 1 p.m. for Uckbridge, penniless, and without food—expecting, if lucky to arrive at his destination by 6 p.m. Why do not the authorities issue with the railway warrant a food voucher—to be honoured at any eating house?—A. WILLIAMS, High Street, Southend-on-Sea.

(*Simply because, presumably, they lack the common instincts of decency.*)

Our Empire's Trade.

Here in the Far East—where Britain has given some of her best blood for others' freedom—in the great eastern ports, such as Bombay or Calcutta, ships run in dock under protection of our Navy, and then unload their cargoes, consisting chiefly of Yankee motor cars or Japanese articles which could easily be made in our own land. Yet we in India hear of "unemployment" at home! If America must reap where Britain has sown, at least make her pay a share towards the protection of her shipping and also towards maintaining law and order in the East from whence she is filling her coffers.—D. A. KING, Rawal Pindi, India.

(*Just another instance of the way in which, through apathy and indifference, we are playing straight into the hands of "Uncle Sam."*)

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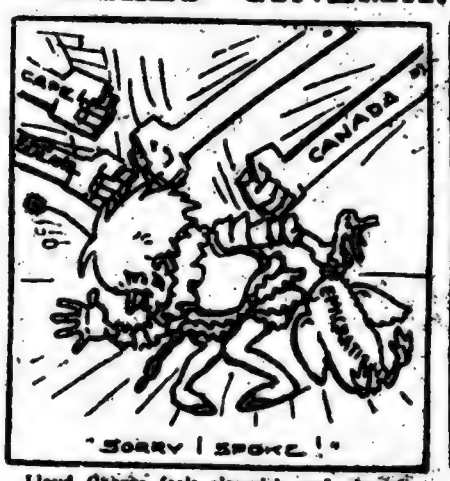

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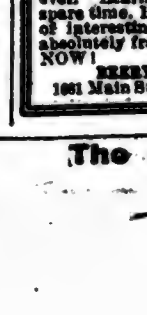

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New Year Hopes.

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Retrospective.

So far as the Stock Exchange is concerned, the past year has been a dismal one, although it made a brave start and for the first few months everything seemed to be going splendidly. There was a wonderful rush of new capital issues, and many industrial shares reached record levels. The reaction that followed was not entirely due to the oppressive Budget, but it called the halt. Every tyro in finance could see that the weight of taxation would ruin industry, and that the race between high prices and higher wages must end in disaster.

The Ebbing Tide.

So the tide of prosperity began to ebb, and looking back at market values now as compared with a year ago, I find that British Government securities have depreciated about 12 per cent. on the average; Foreign Government stocks 19 per cent; Home Railway Ord. stocks 17½ per cent. and Foreign Railways 23½ per cent. More speculative investments suffered to an even greater extent. Some of the leading industrial shares have fallen as much as 41 per cent., Iron and Coal shares 34 per cent. and South African mining shares 39 per cent.

Turn About Due.

These losses spell ruin to many speculators, who bought more in the hope of capital appreciation than for the sake of steady dividends. Of course, it is easy to moralise after the event, and a boom is invariably followed by a slump, but the most far seeing would not have cared to predict such a tremendous débâcle this time last year, although even then there were signs that the pace was too hot to be maintained for long. Let us hope that the reverse movement will come as quickly and be more lasting.

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Lipton's.

It is interesting to note that there is not any immediate intention of making an issue of the new capital authorised at the recent meeting. The increase is purely a precautionary measure. The Company spent during the last fifteen months nearly £250,000 in the acquisition of freehold sites, buildings and in extensions. Owing to their large foreign and colonial trade, and the development of estates in Ceylon, it is obvious that in the immediate future further capital will be necessary. But when such issue does take place it will doubtless be well taken up, whatever the state of markets.

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Odhams Press.

I am not surprised to see that the 8 per cent. Preference shares have been quite a good and active market—and, as I stated a fortnight ago, I regard them as one of the soundest industrial investments at present obtainable, whilst at current prices there is ample scope for capital appreciation.

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COMPANY MEETING.

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The annual meeting of Vickers, Ltd., took place at Sheffield on December 30th, when the balance-sheet and accounts for the four years from 1915 to 1919 were presented. The chairman, Mr. Douglas Vickers, in his opening speech, said the reason for the presentation of the four years' accounts at one time was that during the war period it was impossible to stop work for stock-taking. The office staff was cut down, accounts got very much in arrear, and the difficulty of settling innumerable questions with the Government made it impossible until now to present any reports or accounts for the four years after 1915.

The accounts show for the first time no second or third debentures, and the only charge was the old issue of a million and a quarter first mortgage debenture stock. Dividends paid to shareholders during the four years amounted to £3,967,112. In addition, income tax of £1,250,000 was paid on these dividends, making £5,250,000. It was interesting to compare the dividends of the last four years with the wages paid during the war. These amounted to £46,000,000 for the four years, as compared with the £5,250,000 of dividends and income tax thereon. Thus the workmen received about nine times as much as the shareholders.

He called attention to an allocation of £3,200,000 to the works reserve account out of profits, which he said represented profits which, owing to excessive taxation, were locked up in the increased value of the buildings and plant, and were not available for distribution and dividend. On the subject of the trade position at present Mr. Vickers said that the good indications had not lasted long. Wages, raw materials, and consequently selling prices still rose, and the financial position of foreign buyers grew worse and worse. Coming to the question of dividends, he said that shareholders would have noticed a very strong position and a large carry forward from last year, and might ask why the directors did not and do not now declare interim dividend for 1920. The carry forward, however, was not known to the directors until about three weeks ago. He moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, which was carried.

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COMPANY MEETING.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO Co., Ltd.

Satisfactory Year's Trading.

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., was held on December 30th, at the offices of the Company, Westminster House, 7, Millbank, S.W., under the presidency of Mr. Joseph Hood, M.P., one of the Deputy Chairmen.

The Secretary (Mr. A. M. Rickards, F.C.I.S.) read the certificate of Sir William Plender, G.B.E. (of Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths, and Co.), Chartered Accountant, appended to the Accounts.

The Chairman then said: Ladies and Gentlemen,—Since we last met, Mr. Hallward, one of the Members of the Board, has unfortunately had to resign on account of ill-health. The Directors extremely regret the cause of his resignation and hope that the rest will prove beneficial and that he will be restored to health. Another Director, Mr. J. A. Thomas, who had charge of our business in China for a number of years past and has rendered very valuable services to the Company, has taken the opportunity of the formation of British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., to resign his Directorship of this Company, and we wish him every success in the banking business into which he has entered. The Directors have filled the vacancies by the election of Mr. Harry Herbert Neal, the Chief Accountant, and Mr. William Francis Alexander, who will come up for re-election at a later stage of the Meeting. Last year, when we had the pleasure of meeting the Shareholders we had not resumed the occupation of the offices vacated by the Ministry of Pensions, but we are glad to welcome the shareholders here again for our Annual Meeting to-day.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

As you are aware, it is usual at our Annual Meeting to go through the various items in the Balance Sheet and make some comments thereon. Taking the assets side of the Balance Sheet first, you will observe that the item—Real Estate and Buildings at cost, less provision of amortisation of leaseholds, £541,986 6s. 2d., shows an increase of £66,538. The greater part of this increase is due to extensions to our Liverpool factory and the purchase of adjoining land. Whilst we have also purchased land at Southampton for the erection of an additional factory, yet we have reluctantly come to the conclusion, owing to conditions as to building, that it is not an opportune time to start the erection of a factory. Plant, Machinery, Furniture, and Fittings, at cost or under, £419,500 15s., shows a decrease of £40,853; which is more than accounted for by the disposal of a factory in New York which we have sold. On the other hand, the machinery at our Norfolk, Virginia, Branch, shows a material increase, but, on the whole, the item is reduced by the amount I have mentioned. Goodwill, Trade Marks, and Patents stands at the same figure as last year, viz., £505,114 18s. 6d. We have come to the conclusion that this is not a fitting time to further decrease this item. Loans to and Current Account with Associated Cos., £7,194,957 12s. 2d., shows an increase of £1,127,433. This again is due to increased supplies to the Associated Cos. and the replenishment of their stocks which had become depleted, together with additional advances to them. It is also to some extent due to the postponement of remittances owing to the adverse rate of exchange. Investments in Associated Cos., £11,356,132 1s. 11d., is also up by £2,664,432. This is the largest item on the assets side, and the increase represents additional investments in Associated Companies. Other Investments, £607,922, is increased by £453,813, due to investments in War Bonds.

STOCKS OF LEAF TOBACCO.

Stocks of leaf, manufactured goods and materials at cost or under, £7,021,185 3s. 6d., shows a reduction of £1,176,308. We have hitherto carried in our stocks of leaf, manufactured goods and materials at cost or under, but for some years past, as you will readily understand with rising prices, cost or under has been lower than the market value. As you will probably have seen from the newspapers, there has recently been a material reduction in the price of raw leaf. The Auction sales in America begin about August and continue until the end of the year. Our Balance Sheet of course, is as of the 30th September last and we have taken in stocks this year at market value at that date, which is a continuance of our policy of carrying them in at the lower figure of the two. In this case, the market value is less than cost by a substantial amount. Sundry Debtors (less provision for Doubtful Debts) and Debit Balances, £2,531,176 10s. 3d., is reduced as compared with last year by £241,538 because as at the date of the Balance Sheet less money was owing to us.

Cash at Bankers and in Transit, the last item on the assets side, £2,856,119 12s. 7d., shows a decrease of £1,280,854. The explanation of this reduction is that we had less funds in hand and it is reflected on the other side in the items of Creditors and Credit balances, where there is a decrease of outstanding liabilities.

THE CAPITAL.

Turning to the Liabilities side of the Balance Sheet, the issued capital of 4,500,000 Preference shares remains the same, but the issue of Ordinary Shares has increased from 8,501,911 to 16,002,523. You will remember that in April last we made an issue at par of one share in two and in respect of that issue 4,264,484 shares were taken up by the Ordinary Shareholders up to the 30th September. In addition, 21,500 shares had been issued to certain Directors in January last, in pursuance of the Authority given by the Articles of Association and the Resolutions of the Shareholders of the 19th May, 1919, out of the 34,704 then authorised. Beyond that there were issued 17,532 shares in response to belated acceptances of the offer of one in three made in June, 1919. It will also be within your recollection that in July last we made a further issue to the Ordinary Shareholders of one share in four in respect of which 3,197,096 shares had been accepted and issued up to 30th September last. I will refer to this matter again when I deal with the last item, viz., Profit and Loss Account.

The item of Creditors and Credit Balances is reduced from £9,918,597 to £5,678,938, a very substantial reduction. This is mainly accounted for by the reduction of Cash at Bankers and in transit on the other side of the account, to which I have referred, and to the adjustment of our liability in respect of Excess Profits Duty to the date of the Balance Sheet. The increase in Reserves for Buildings, Machinery and Materials, £630,164 12s. 11d., is due to the ordinary provisions under this heading. The item is strengthened to the extent of £87,342.

Premium on Ordinary shares issued, £391,039, shows an increase of £23,375. Of that amount £21,500 was received as the premium on that number of shares from Directors to whom they were allotted in pursuance of the authority given on 19th May, 1919, and £1,875 was received as the difference between the £2 per share received by the Company on issue and the amount realised on the surrender by Mr. Hallward of certain shares allotted to him under his agreement which became saleable on his resignation and were sold for the benefit of the Company. Provision for the redemption of coupons, £55,834 6s. 0d., shows a small reduction of £4,882.

THE RESERVES.

Special Reserve, £1,198,727 4s. 0d., shows an increase of £41,739 17s. 0d., due almost entirely to a sum realised in respect of the hquidation of some shares in excess of the amount standing on our books.

General Reserve to provide against possible losses arising from the war, £1,500,000. As I mentioned at the Meeting last year, with the consent of the Government we sold shortly after the war commenced our shares in German Companies and loans to those Companies and officials connected with them. The greater part of our claims resolve themselves into two categories: (1) Loans and current accounts and (2) Shares in the German Companies. The amount of the loans and current accounts have now been agreed and we expect to receive shortly a sum approximately amounting to £1,280,000, which includes interest on the amount up to the date of payment—payable under the Contract we made. So soon as this substantial amount is received it will be unnecessary to maintain this General Reserve at the figure at which it stands in our Balance Sheet, but that is a matter which will have to be dealt with next year. Payment for the amount (roughly over five million marks) of the claim owing to us for the sale of the shares in German Companies has yet to be completed. We hope that will be done at an early date.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

That brings me to the last item, viz., the Profit and Loss Account. You will remember that last year we carried forward a balance of £4,912,733 12s. 1d., out of which we paid a final dividend of 6 per cent. amounting to £512,421 19s. 2d., which left us with a disposable balance of £4,400,311 12s. 11d. In May last the Directors purchased the 641,000 shares of the Garland Steamship Corporation at a cost of $1,900,000, equal to £475,437 19s. 0d., and in pursuance of Extraordinary Resolutions of the shareholders of 10th May last, this sum was written off and the shares of Garland Steamship Corporation distributed amongst the Ordinary shareholders.

In addition, the shareholders decided to capitalise £3,202,853, or such other sum as might be necessary to give one share in four out of the undivided profits of the Company, and to apply the sum in making payment in full at par for Ordinary shares which were to be allotted to and distributed rateably among the holders of Ordinary shares in proportion to their holdings, so that each holder of Ordinary shares would receive one new share in respect of every four Ordinary shares held by him and fractional certificates in respect of any shares less than four. In pursuance of that resolution the Directors allotted up to the 30th September 3,197,096 shares at par, which amount is deducted from the disposable balance, leaving £727,777 13s. 11d. It would perhaps be as well if I explained that the whole of the holders of share warrants to bearer have not yet presented their coupons, and there was, as at the 30th September, a contingent liability to issue 3,410 further Ordinary shares. Since that date coupons have been lodged and some of the 3,410 shares have been allotted.

YEAR'S PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS.

To the £727,777 13s. 11d. the direct profits and dividends for the year, after deducting all charges and expenses for management and providing for Income Tax and Corporation Profits Tax and adjusting the liability in respect of Excess Profits Duty, will have to be added, amounting to £4,879,177 3s. 3d., less Preference dividend of £225,000 and the four interim dividends amounting to £2,305,086 4s. 3d., which leaves a disposable balance of £3,076,868 12s. 11d., out of which the Directors recommend the distribution on the 10th January next of a final dividend (free of British Income Tax) on the issued Ordinary shares of 9 per cent., amounting to £1,440,405 14s. 5d., leaving £1,636,462 18s. 6d. to be carried forward.

This final dividend of 9 per cent. will make 30 per cent. for the year upon the Ordinary shares which were in existence a year ago, and upon the others which have been issued since, the amount, of course, varies with the date of their actual issue. The Directors trust that the shareholders will consider the result of the year's trading has been satisfactory.

It is usual to make some comments upon the business since the close of the year, and it will be true to say that in some parts of the world there has been a reduction in sales since the 30th September last. That result is not confined to us—it seems to be world-wide. The Directors, however, hope that it is only a temporary phase and they have no reason to believe that they will be unable to present a satisfactory Balance-Sheet a year hence. As there still seems to be some misapprehension as to our trading it may not be out of place to again point out that we do not sell any goods for consumption in the United Kingdom. All the goods we manufacture here are manufactured in bond and exported. I now formally beg to move the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th September, 1920, including the payment on the 10th January next of a final dividend of 9 per cent. upon the issued Ordinary shares (free of British Income Tax). I may also mention that the Directors have declared for the year 1920-1921 an interim dividend of 4 per cent. (free of British Income Tax) also payable on the 10th January, so that the shareholders will receive on that date 13 per cent.

Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, Bart, seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried without discussion.

The retiring directors were re-elected, and Sir William Plender was re-appointed auditor.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the chairman and directors and the staff.

The NATIONAL NEWS takes national views—every Sunday.

TOMMY, JACK, AND BADGERS.

OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheeseparing, shall go unchallenged or unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

To Tommy and Jack:—Although a few days late, A Happy New Year! It has come to our knowledge that weird aliens, given asylum in this country, are endeavouring to turn you into Bolsheviks by secret propaganda. Remember Russia and its ruin; the horrible sufferings there of man, woman, and child. To-day, as at the morn of Trafalgar, the signal is "England expects every man to do his duty," and for you soldiers the Waterloo word is "Up Guards and at them"—the long-haired scum of the European and Asiatic slums who beg you to be traitors to your King and Fair England. The Navy and the Army of Britain will, we are more than convinced, to themselves and the Empire still be true. Think of your Service ancestors.

What a Question!—On Christmas Day a dinner was arranged by the N.A.C.B. and personnel at Stapelhaus, and married men were invited to bring their wives and children. A correspondent, who doubtless had married a fraulein, asks us why German ladies who have become the wives of English soldiers were barred. The answer is very obvious.

Dog Biscuits:—The soldiers in Ireland are certainly on active service, but, all the same, we cannot make out why they should be served out so largely with Army "dog biscuits" when soft bread is available. Those biscuits should be handed over to the Disposals Board—not to Tommy.

Want Excitement?:—Ex-soldiers, sailors and airmen, qualified as transport drivers, and who are between 20 and 40, are invited to join for short service in Ireland. We like the "short," and wish the recruits a good time.

Rate of Exchange:—This comes from Mesopotamia. When the last mail left the rate of exchange was such that a man who sent home £5 dropped a pound in doing so—which is rather hard on the private soldier.

For the Lame Dog:—A conference of representatives of the various ex-soldiers' associations, last week, decided to form a Unity Relief Fund to collect and distribute money in connection with Lord Haig's appeal for ex-Service men. We wish it God-speed, and advise the philanthropic to write to Captain Wilcox, The Officers' Association, 1, Regent Street, London, S.W.1.

When?:—We are asked when the men of the 52nd Brigade R.F.A. Territorials are to receive their £4 bounty, which should have been paid in November. We leave it to the Commanding Officer, as the officers of the Brigade seem to know nothing about it.

Money for You:—Prize Bounty for the destruction of the following submarines is now ready for distribution: U B 74, by H.M. Yacht *Lorna*, 26th May, 1918; U 40, by H.M. Submarine C 24 and H.M.S. *Taranaki*, 23rd June, 1915; U 14, by H.M. Trawlers *Hawk*, *Oceanic* II, *Gull*, *Vigilant*, and *Limewood*, 5th June, 1915; U B 70, by H.M.S. *Basilisk*, 8th May, 1918.

For Salvage:—Salvage money is waiting for the crew of H.M. Tug *Crocodile*, who salved the s.s. *Derwent River*, on September 7th, 1918; the crew of H.M. *Paladin* II, who looked after the s.s. *Dunolly*, on October 14th, 1918; and the crew of H.M. Tug *Lynx*, who salved tde lighter *Citadel*, on March 2nd, 1919.

Our Daily "Thank You":—From R. R. P.: "I take this opportunity to thank you very much for your very great influence in my case. It is really wonderful that you should obtain redress in less than three weeks—others having tried for many months on my behalf without success. Everything has now been brought up to date, and I have been paid my arrears. I am enclosing a donation for your fund—to which I wish the unqualified success which such truly charitable an effort deserves."

RACING NOTES.

(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters will be dealt with in the correspondence columns of the SPORTING LIFE.*)*

Spring Handicaps.

It will be time enough to write of the Lincolnshire Handicap and Grand National when the weights have appeared. Nevertheless, the entries for these Spring events will provide food for discussion. Not until the handicapper has completed his work shall we attempt to elucidate the problems set us. Already in the North there has been some wagering. Lacrosse, Earna Monarch, Orpi and Poltava are some of the early fancies for the Lincolnshire Handicap. For the National, Always, Clouree, Dunadry, Wavertree and All White have been freely mentioned.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

GATWICK—WEDNESDAY.
Crawley 'Chase—*SQUARE DANCE.
Reigate Hurdle—POISE.
Purley 'Chase—BEDFORD ROW.

GATWICK—THURSDAY.
Maiden Hurdle—GRANARD.
Amateur Riders' 'Chase—*THOMOND.
Crawley 'Chase II.—CHANG.

PLUMPTON—FRIDAY.
New Year Hurdle—COMPLIMENT.
Brighton 'Chase—*TURAKINA.
Brookside 'Chase—SANESO.
Hurstpierpoint Hurdle—IRISH FAIR.

PLUMPTON—SATURDAY.
Hopeful Hurdle—*AYNSLEY.
Ringmer 'Chase—SIMON'S CRAFT.
January 'Chase—THE TENTER.

HAYDOCK PARK—FRIDAY.
Warrington Hurdle—VIVAT REX.
Gerard 'Chase—*WAVERTREE.
Makerfield 'Chase—HAIRPIN.

HAYDOCK PARK—SATURDAY.
Birchfield Hurdle—*ORANGE WATER.
January 'Chase—CRICKET.

"The Greatest of These—"

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Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Short Commons:—A woman lost her son in the war. She is now unable to do the needlework that kept the "home" going; her husband is an invalid, there is a child of 10 years, and the total income is 7s. 6d. a week on behalf of the boy who was killed.

Last Treasure Gone:—A workless ex-soldier has a wife and four little kiddies. Before he approached us he had pawned everything of value that he possessed, the last article being his wife's wedding ring.

A Sad Case:—A discharged man has a pension of 12s. a week, which is supposed to keep himself, his wife, and several youngsters. He had no underclothing or top coat, was in serious debt to the landlord, and, greatest blow, his little girl had just died before he came to us.

The Widow's Trouble:—A widow was left with three young children whom she supported with her toil. For some weeks she has had no work, and the cupboard was bare and the firegrate empty.

Parted:—Before entering the infirmary, an unfortunate man wrote to us on behalf of his wife and two little children, who were destitute. We relieved his mind.

The Last Service:—Daily we are asked for money to bury the dead; and it is always ready. Next to entering the workhouse, the dread of a pauper's funeral is the nightmare of the new poor. For lack of funds to keep body and soul together, people are compelled to let insurances lapse, and when the direful hours arrive we help them, through you.

GETTING ALONG: KEEP IT UP!

We are beginning to get along nicely, we are glad to say. Thanks to a generous response to our appeals for a few weeks past, we were enabled to send extra cheer to a very large number of families at Christmas time. And how they blessed you! The sheaves of letters of thanks we received amply repaid the extra effort. As you will have observed, the space we have for acknowledgment and contributions is very limited, but in due course your initials and the amounts you sent will be published. Your response during the few weeks before Christmas was the most generous since we started our little fund; but keep it up, please. There is growing unemployment and distress, and we want to be your agent in relieving as far as possible the genuine cases presented to us.

We promised you a few typical cases last week. Here they are: An ex-soldier is in consumption; his wife suffers from the same disease. There are four children, each of them tainted with tuberculosis. The family was in distress, and most of the belongings had been pawned or sold. Several families had bare cupboards, slept on the floor with little, if any, bed clothing, and were in danger of being pushed into the streets by their landlords. Of course, landlords must live, too, and keep their tenements in repair. Then last week we looked after the funeral expenses of five persons, and sent financial help and baby clothing to quite a number of ex-soldiers' wives who had done their duty by the State. Incidentally we turned down a number of frauds who "chanced their arms" by calling upon us, or sent forged letters of recommendation in their own handwriting.

We thank you for your kind assistance during the past year, and trust that you will continue to support and find recruits to help the fund that alleviates genuine distress, that has not a single paid official, and the administration expenses of which are not deducted from the subscriptions.

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[The EDITOR replies to, and chats with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

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G. F. G. (St. John's Wood).—"The squandering of public moneys goes on, and the squandering of flowery speeches by Ministers too!" The chieftains gabble while their underlings pick your pockets.

F. R. H. (Ilford)—and a host of OTHERS.—We are fighting as hard as possible to get the irritating and utterly absurd war time restrictions on the sale of liquor removed, but the Board of Control barnacles are stickers and will cling to the ship of State until they are scraped off.

H. S. (London) suggests that the Labour leaders should be called together to form plans for the unemployed.

"SHOP ASSISTANT" (Folkestone).—"The Shop Hours Act is only to close the shop. When it closes at 6, in many cases the staff are at work for some hours later." That is a matter that must be altered.

A. J. B. (San Francisco).—"Arriving in 'Frisco to-day, the following notice on a newspaper stand caught my eye:—'JOHN BULL. All the scandal of England. Buy it.'" In the whole of America there is no journal big enough to contain all the scandal of the States.

C. J. P. (Bath).—"If some good fairy could suddenly switch back the old conditions all would be pleased." Certainly we should be delighted. Why not go and interview one at your local Pantomime, and ask her to do the trick?

"A READER" (Withington).—"Can you not see to things more yourself to stop this waste?" Don't you think that writing to us anonymously in these terms is a form of waste? Aren't we doing our utmost to secure the return of anti-waste candidates to Parliament?

J. M. B. (London, E.C.).—"Can you use your influence in the House on this matter?" In point of fact we could, if we chose, send the Speaker into a fit of epilepsy.

"PILLYCODY" (Helston).—We note your surprise on reading "sentimental twaddle in JOHN BULL." Kindly say by return of post at what time at night you read it.

C. M. S. (Preston).—"I hope you will take this in the right way." At any rate, we will do you the justice of believing that you wrote it in an absent-minded fit.

R. S. (Eastbourne).—"Better send Lloyd George back to your Tame Barber." Unfortunately, the rt. hon. gentleman seems extremely careless of his appearance these latter days.

G. W. C. E. (Western Australia).—Forgive us, but we long ago made a resolve to read no cuttings from newspapers that were pink in colour.

A. E. M.—'Tis a hardship calling for prompt removal that "a man discharged from the forces in 1919 doesn't get any out-of-work pay under the new Insurance scheme."

J. J. (Ayrshire)—We note your criticisms of the telephone system. Were you the man who disturbed our slumbers the other morning?

"ONE WHO WANTS A DRY TOWN" (Liverpool).—"I stand for a dry nation." No anonymous Pussyfoot need apply to us for sheaves of statistics. Try the War Cry.

L. M. K. (New Cross).—A hard-up man, who paid 1s. 6d. for shave and shampoo, has no room for a growl because he gave the barber a 6d. tip. That tip was his own foolishness. And why couldn't he soap his head at home?

J. B. (Natal).—Six *years* hard labour for an indecent assault on a little girl five years old was a proper sentence, the severity whereof should be copied by our own Judges.

G. B. (Manchester).—Dr. Johnson was also of opinion that nothing yet contrived by man has produced so much happiness as "a good tavern or inn."

MISS J. D. (Wandsworth).—"Do please insert the above in JOHN BULL." Dear lady, "the above" is so crammed with adoration of our worthy self that only paper of blushful pink would stand the strain.

"PRIMUS TENOR" (W.C.1).—"I take refuge in your kind offices." With our entire satisfaction, although we venture to remind you that they get horribly draughty at times.

"SCOTTIE" (Edinburgh).—We agree that on occasion it is well "to sever the purse strings." In point of fact ours always hang loose.

"DODGER" (Wool, Dorset).—Your verse, "Seeking a Boxing Champion," has a "punch" in it, old bean. Perhaps one of these days a "JOHN BULL Boy" will prove himself to possess too tough a heart of oak for a Carpentier to subdue.

A. R. M. (Oxford).—"Probably you have seen these pro-Hun appeals?" We have, and moreover have made appropriate use of them.

W. C. M. (Manchester).—Your batch of documents to hand. It might have been more considerate to get it boiled down to a postcard.

MRS. G. (Holloway).—You have been badly pecked at by the profiteers. At this rate, you will soon have to clothe the kids in fig-leaves.

T. H. (Portsmouth).—Sorry to hear that until now you have been unable to write, although, if we must be candid, your recovery is a doubtful blessing.

"EX-SERVICE MAN" (Brixton).—"Have you altered your opinion of our late enemies children?" Not at all. We regard them still as the unhappy victims of a villainous parentage.

J. K. F. (Gold Coast).—We admire the nerve of a Gold Coast nigger who, after reading our view of his kind, actually tries his wiles on us. Nuthin' doin', Massa Johnson; nothin' doin'!

"JOE" (Watford).—"Pity the poor ex-soldier. Find him a job, and he won't do it." That's an unwarrantable whopper.

"CANTERBURY."—If your landlord has increased your rent by 1s. only, for rates, don't growl. Crowds of other tenants would sigh for half your luck.

"SEWERMAN."—Cheer up! You're a gallant if grimy lot, and we'll see what can be done for you.

"OLD READER" (Los Angeles).—It is only Hearst's mob of scallywags and the low type of Yankee-Irish, who are clamouring for war between England and the U.S.A.

S. R. (Crouch Hill).—Certainly. The turkey is a genus of gallinaceous birds of the family Meleagridæ, or Phasianidæ, of North American origin. If for more knowledge you are yearning, ask further samples of our learning.

L. M. AND "AN EX-SERVICE EMPLOYEE" (Southampton).—We carefully stated that the R.M.S.P. directors had behaved well to their clerical staff, and we gladly note that both of you confirm this. But that is no reason why we should not urge the plaint of others not so happily placed.

D. C. B. (Peckham, S.E.).—On reading your letter we shed salt tears over "the Greenwich girl thrown out of work." From your friendly tone it almost seems that you might find her alternative employment.

G. C. (Belfast).—Your pictures to hand. It rather looks as though you have designs upon our morals.

G. M. W. (Cannock).—Not only are the Labour Exchanges a "wash out," but some of the questions they ask their clients are rude. They bear the Government stamp—Waste.

J. B. (Bradford).—The way you have printed our name tickles us to death. Are you an artist or a forger?

G. R. G. (Buenos Aires).—"Occasionally I have sent you cuttings, etc." You have, and in so doing have enlightened us greatly with regard to conditions in the Argentine.

J. E. J. (Southsea).—The printed circular you send us we have seen sixty-six times before, but for the sixty-seventh inspection you have our dutiful thanks.

MRS. S. (Sussex).—"In this village I am laughed at because I write poetry." Be comforted, dear lady—you don't.

A. T. (Stoke Newington).—"I called at your office." So we heard throughout the building.

L. G. (Westcliff).—If we could have deciphered your writing we should have sent you a sweet reply.

M. C. (Somerset).—"The pictures shown at our kinema inspired my writing these few verses." The inspiration was not strong.

"OLD READER" (Cardiff).—"It is understood in well informed circles in Portsmouth that the Dockyard is to be entrusted with the first warship of an entirely new type." Glad to hear the circles are well-informed.

W. A. (Clapham Park).—Your suggestions for industrial peace are excellent, being mainly culled from our own columns.

W. C. E. (North Finchley).—It seems desirable that canvassers for orders for articles purporting to be made by disabled ex-Service men should, as you suggest, display a badge or other evidence of their *bona fides*.

T. McC. (Birkenhead).—We cannot encourage you to go to law against your own daughter.

ANONYMOUS (Willesden).—Bad enough for you to have written to us anonymously, but to do so with red ink makes the offence more glaring.

M. B. (Piccadilly).—The old story. "So comes a reckoning when the banquets o'er—The dreadful reckoning, and men smile no more."

L. J. W. (S.W.).—After five years' service and one year haunting Appointments Department, the result is the offer of a job, 9 hours' daily, including Saturdays, month on trial, at £3 a week. Might be worse, but not much.

B. O. B. (Woodford, E.).—So you think there are "many suitable places in the British Empire for emigration." Obviously the thing for you is to take the best of them.

"CLOVER" (No Address).—"No flattery, dear John." Perish the thought, lady. If we have one charm it is modesty.

H. M. (W. Kensington).—Thanks for information in regard to the White Slave Traffic. You are suspiciously well informed.

H. B. R. (Liverpool).—We are getting tired of warning readers against the Bishopsgate Trading Co., run by a wangler named Winsum, who has already occupied more valuable space in these columns than he and his ramshackle company are worth.

"AN OLD READER" (Lower Edmonton).—"Kindly inform me . . . if it is possible to manufacture cement in 24 hours." It would be, if it were not for the Trade Unions.

E. L. C. (Walmer).—"The following may interest you." Good shot, old boy, but it didn't.

MISS E. H. (West Bromwich).—"I've just read your beautiful article." And now you feel as happy as a dog with two tails, wagging them both at once.

REV. J. G. M. (Coulsdon).—"Glad you admire our energetic efforts on behalf of the unemployed." Add the performances we have never heard of and you will feel the age of miracles has commenced again.

K. (Glasgow).—What do we think of the enclosed? Next to nothing, being far too busy.

H. A. B. (Springfield).—Scores of alleged moneylenders never lend money, because they have none to lend. They live on snatched fees.

F. K. (Wallington).—"Do you think it right that an alien enemy should be allowed to make chocolate?" Presumably you fear that the result might be chocolate screams.

"FULL OF SCORN" (South Wales).—We fail to see that your letter on the mining situation is "not up to standard." It is in size, anyway.

"GREAT ADMIRER" (Peterborough).—"I have the greatest respect for you." Congratulations on your reaching the age of 80 without becoming childish.

L. P. (Southport).—Reminds us of the man who advertised for a boy to open oysters with a reference.

M. J. D. (Cardiff).—"When a child my father gave me a bit of advice." Did he soap the strap?

J. P. (Bristol).—Having paid over £44 in premiums on life policy, the Wesleyan and General Assurance Co. offer only £3 9s. 4d. as surrender value. It is these surrendered or lapsed policies that make the Companies so rich—and victims so poor.

T. J. J. (Paris).—Not for a moment do we accept your suggestion "that the ex-Kaiser is the rightful heir to the English throne." We would prefer Charlie Chaplin.

"ENGLISHMAN" (London).—"I wish first to thank you." There you have our permission to stop.

D. B. (Broadstairs).—"We in this hotel are having an awful life." Yet probably if we were there we should think it a scream.

J. P. (York).—"I was reading the other night your Christmas Greetings." Pray don't for a moment imagine that we grudge you this delight.

S. T. H. (Wanstead).—A firm of estate agents who pay ex-Service men the insulting salary of 50s. weekly for collecting rents amounting sometimes to £100 a day, and requires them to fill in their "spare" time with clerical work, deserve to be rent in twain.

R. A. (Tufnell Park).—We certainly advocate a poll tax on all alien visitors to these shores, but in some instances a pole-axe would be better.

"THE TRADE" (Southampton Row).—Your story about food administration roughly told has come to hand. If you could send us something a shade more interesting we would rush into print with a glad heart.

"UPSET" (Torquay).—"I wrote in your paper recently." You did, but it was an oversight for which half the staff were sacked.

"CHIDDINGLY" (Doncaster).—Cannot quite make out what you mean are to cost "£150 a piece." Not dear for motor cars, though stiffish for saucepans.

H. G. (Hackney).—As you say, we "don't tell tales out of school." Your secret is as safe as if you had never blabbed it.

W. B. (Newington Butts).—"I have two unique MSS. on hand, 'The Freak Hand' and 'The Book of the Cross.'" No use to us, but they sound like stunning titles for films.

"PAT" (Keith).—"There is now little purr in 'Pussyfoot.'" In consequence of the cat-astrophe in Scotland?

G. M. (Kidderminster).—"Many thanks for your remarks in JOHN BULL of this week." You are as welcome as opening time to the thirsty.

"GIPSUM" (Rotherhithe).—Sir, when in doubt speak the truth.

E. B. (Philadelphia).—"Having read many of your clever and sensible articles, I feel that it will not be beneath your position to publish these verses." Insidious flatterer!

ANONYMOUS (Birmingham).—A postmastership at £500 a year goes to a married woman with husband in a flourishing business? Both she and the G.P.O. should blush.

W. D. (Sunderland).—"This is to wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year." Same to you, old boy, and all the skin off your nose.

"A RATEPAYER" (Hammersmith).—"Four Christmases ago I was eating the ratepayers' feast." Being out of the Infirmary this Yuletide you were entitled to kick up your heels, not too high, in a discreet and gentle razzle-dazzle. Hope you did.

S. R. H. (Birkenhead).—"Hoping you will pardon Dirty paper and excuse what few mistakes I may make in my Pronounceations I will forthwith endeavour to enlighten with my grievienees." In these dark days, even the enlightenment of grievances is acceptable.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO CO., LTD. (Millbank, S.W.1) point out that their profits can have no possible bearing upon the current price here of tobacco, as they do not sell any goods for consumption in the United Kingdom, all their manufactures being exported.

F. B. (Tilford).—"Buy an airship for 70 passengers for £20,000. A company to run it, capital £50,000, should make a profit of over £80,000. No better advt. could be wished for." Under certain circumstances it might be a very bad advertisement.

W. W. S. (Dewsbury).—Thanks for inviting us to your shop to see some "undressed dolls," although you will forgive us for saying that we have rather outgrown that sort of amusement.

E. J. E. (Cardiff).—We note that you have "read JOHN BULL almost from the commencement." Apparently you are one of the few unfortunates who did not start quite at the beginning.

W. McC. (Blackheath).—In our view the Government has been seriously at fault in not putting an effective check upon profiteering in house property.

"OFFENDED CORPSE" (Kendal).—Your humorous letter to hand. When next you mean to break out you might give us a post or two's warning.

"DIAGONUS ECCLESIÆ ANGLICANÆ."—We have no doubt that in some patrician households, where a despotic butler of the old school rules the servant's hall, the footman's lot is sometimes not a happy one.

R. H. L. (Liscard).—The North countryman whom you saw dining at an hotel might at least have allowed his wife to use the toothpick first.

JOHN BULL READER (Fulham) says the women police in the Fulham Road Section House are "treated worse than children, and made to pay for food they don't have." We will tell a policeman.

A. J. C. (Beaconsfield).—"I have been urged to send you the enclosed lines." The urgers are no true friends to you.

"ANCHOR" (Scotland).—Thanks for showing us your private correspondence. Had it been the least shade spicier we should have had the treat of our lives.

A. G. T. (London S.W.).—We are obliged by your letter upon the subject of "oil." Kindly explain to your friends that we mean the term in no invidious sense.

"LESSUDDEN" (Ramsgate).—Many thanks for your kind gift of 5s. for Mr. Champ, whose case we referred to under the heading "A Poisoned Man." If only a few more were like you!

F. R. S. A. (Brockenhurst).—Read JOHN BULL steadily and you will see the sort of "movie" firms to avoid.

"A WELLWISHER" (Ontario).—Your experiences in Canada, after being sent out by the Church Army Emigration Society, were enough to make anybody curse the country.

"EX-OFFICER'S WIFE" (Swanley).—"My husband, an ex-officer, is off to Ireland." Not our fault, lady, though your misfortune.

MRS. ROSE BOOTH (Mildmay Hospital, Austin Street, Shoreditch, E.) is very ill and would dearly like to see her only brother, John Casey, butcher, last heard of four years ago as working at Essex Road, Islington.

W. M. J. (Liverpool).—Your letter to hand. Take it from us we have seldom seen an advertisement so skilfully camouflaged.

MISS L. C. (Glasgow).—We will send back your cherished documents by next post. In point of fact, the office boy has been wearing them next his skin.

W. T. (Cleehill).—"I am bound to say 'Well done, Bottomley!'" We somehow feel bound to accept your praise.

T. H. R. (Glamorgan).—Why do you mark your letter "Private and Confidential"? We can see nothing in it that might not be blared all down the Strand.

A. B. (Devon).—Honestly we cannot ask our readers to subscribe £4,000 to re-start you in business. There are others, you know, who could do with a bit less.

"SCRAP" (Moston).—"Has Mr. Harry Lauder ever given anything towards charity?" We have kept no record of his benefactions, but he may be one who does not let his left hand know what his right hand doeth.

N. E. S. W. (Tenby).—"*Entente* be fiddled. In spite of all we have done for foreign nations, they hate us." Certainly there are one or two which don't love us.

MRS. N. P. (Dundee).—"I will look in your paper for a reply to the speech Mr. Devlin made." Cultivate patience and keep your eyes skinned.

E. B. (Atherton).—This entertainment tax on charities is too bad. It must be looked into.

J. F. (Euston).—We note that you do not follow our line of thought, which, of course, is the misfortune the tortoise suffers in chasing the hare.

J. R. (Stockport).—Your observation on "foot and mouth disease" duly noted. Trusting you have not so far been personally troubled.

"NIGHTMARE" (Plymouth).—Is it love or indigestion?

G. M. (Kidderminster).—"Should we pay 11d. per quart for milk?" Certainly—if you *must* have it, and can't get it for less.

"DESERTED WIFE" (Rosherville).—So you think "fines are no punishment." Still, a terrible nuisance when you are hard up.

"ANTI-WASTE" (Croydon).—A house at Woldingham was taken over by the War Department "until the termination of the war." It has been empty for years now, but a good fat rent is still paid—out of the public's money. The public is always bled at the nose.

R. A. (New Cross, S.E.).—Glad to hear that you have "faith in our few words." But what about the big lot we spill twice a week?

M. B. (London, N.).—Sorry don't feel inclined to "start an agitation" for the abolition of tips on the railways. Still, don't let us tempt you to squander your fortune.

"BALDY" (Highgate).—"May I request the favour of a portion of your space?" Certainly, sonny. This is it!

"HOPEFUL" (North Petherton).—You must indeed be hopeful if you expect us to tell you what you want to know about a firm of which you do not even tell us the name.

W. R. N. (New Zealand).—That Food Control in England should have the effect of forcing up the price of butter in New Zealand shows the vicious effect of bureaucratic interference.

D. L. (Brighton).—Before "showing up" the gentleman you describe as "a money-grubbing inhuman creature," we must have a little evidence—else the danger is that he may turn nasty and make trouble.

"CHEMIST'S ASSISTANT" (Trowbridge).—"A writer in a trade paper says he would rather apprentice his son to be a dustman than a chemist, as he would get a bigger wage, with the advantage of being able to strike about it." We have frequently commented on the poor salaries qualified pharmacists receive.

L. S. (Ipswich).—Pray do not be annoyed because official forms are supplied for use in a public lavatory at Colchester. What destination could be more appropriate?

M. O. P. (Bayswater).—That is not a Limerick. Besides, of sense there ain't a glimmerick.

"RIFLEMAN" (Portsmouth).—Your letter is not easily understood. English girls who consort with Chinamen are themselves to blame.

J. R. (Redland Green) suggests "a huge lottery to replenish hospital coffers." Afraid it wouldn't meet with the approval of the police.

S. M. (London, N.).—Well, if you will you will. One of these evenings you won't be able to find a door to fit your latchkey, and then the policeman will gather you in.

H. C. (Stockport).—Though having the misfortune to be stone deaf, you "consider the blind are much worse off." Good job you can look at things in that philosophical way.

"EX-RED CROSS WORKER" (Manchester).—Sorry cannot read your handwriting. Would you care to try in water-colours?

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

A FEW MORE DAYS ONLY!

READERS ARE REMINDED THAT

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"JOHN BULL" Pen Coupon Value 2d.

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2ND PRIZE £20

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First choose any of the Thirty-two examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you:—Example:—FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 400.

MY NEW YEAR RESOLUTION	BARGAIN SALES	PRINCIPAL GIRL	MY DARLING
HOW TO ECONOMISE	TIME TO PAY	ON THE MOVE	RED, WHITE AND BLUE
BEYOND A JOKE	TOMMY CAN'T	AFTER CHRISTMAS	PRETTY THICK
HIGH LIVING	FROM BAD TO WORSE	MOTHER AND HOME	GOING DOWN HILL
WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS	IN A FIX	SINGING SMALL	HOUSEMAID'S KNEE
IN WRONG BOX	TAKEN IN	IF WISE	AFTER DAY'S WORK
NEVER ENDING	OUR DAILY BREAD	ONE AND ONLY	SUDDEN DROP
WHERE SHOE PINCHES	WET OR DRY	THE OLD STORY	BRICKS AND MORTAR

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Signed_____

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 4 Coupons send P.O. for 2s.

Signed_____

Address_____

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 401.

THIS YEAR'S TASK—BOTTOMLEY'S FAVOURITE—MY WIFE'S OPINION—SORRY AFTER—MOST DECEPTIVE WHEN—MARY ANN—DESERVES A MEDAL—GOVERNMENT'S FAILING—AGE OF FLAPPERS—PRINCE CHARMING—BAND OF HOPE—MRS. GRUNDY—LONG WAY OFF—THE REAL STUFF—AFTER A BARGAIN—NOTHING TO LAUGH AT—JUDGE AND JURY—BLUSHING BRIDE—FALLING IN LOVE—WHEN WOMEN TRY US.

These examples can be made use of on the Coupons above, and must reach us on or before **Thursday, Jan. 27th.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **401** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 401, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such Coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two Examples for Competition 400.

List of One Guinea Prizewinners in "Bullets" Competition 397 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and other Prizewinners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

Result of 397th 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF 1,000 GUINEAS:

Miss A. JENNINGS,
48, Parker Road, Winton, Bournemouth.
Example:—IN TEN YEARS' TIME.
Bullet:—"A LOTTERY." FOR EVERYBODY.

SECOND PRIZE OF 100 GUINEAS:

Mr. ROBERT DUTHALL, 57, Henry Street, Chatham:
Example:—BAD SPIRITS.
Bullet:—NEVER "SERVED" IN NAVY.

THIRD PRIZE OF 50 GUINEAS:

Mr. O. W. OWEN, Blue Coat School, Hereford:
Example:—STATE SALARY.
Bullet:—FOR ALL—HOT-HEAD'S ILLUSION.

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1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
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3. All four coupons may be used, and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order; the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
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Name of Nominee.....

Address.....

Signature of Insured.....

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Jan. 8, 1921.

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Coupons do not appear in any other paper.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issues of "JOHN BULL" announcing this competition. Coupons must be completely filled in with ink in the ordinary handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £2,000 (two thousand pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct result of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £1,000 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with the most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided among the most successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £2,000. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded.

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a Draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." **Only one X must be entered for each match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

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(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than January 20th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: **Football Competition No. 17, "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2.** Write "Football" in the top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other competitions.

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THE RESULT OF OUR SIXTEENTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE.

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Blackburn R.	v.	Burnley			
Bradford City	v.	Newcastle U.			
Derby County	v.	Preston N. End			
Sunderland	v.	Liverpool.			
W. Bromwich A.	v.	Manchester U.			
Cardiff City	v.	Bristol City			
Coventry City	v.	Hull City			
Sheffield Wed.	v.	Port Vale			
Stoke	v.	South Shields			
West Ham U.	v.	Clapton Orient			
Bristol Rovers	v.	Swindon Town			
Crystal Palace	v.	Millwall			
Reading	v.	Portsmouth			

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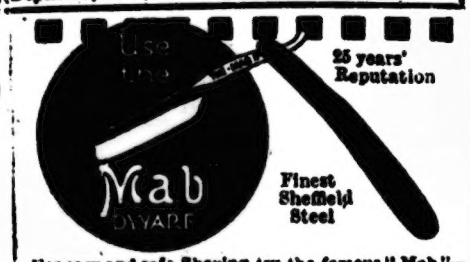

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